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Talks to discuss opening of canal

A PUBLIC meeting will be held this month in a renewed campaign to reopen the Montgomery Canal to Welshpool.

The campaign has been launched by Mayor Malcolm Douglass who said the canal holds the key to revitalising Welshpool. He is hoping that a link-up with Liverpool University and the possible adoption of a stretch of canal by the public can help lever funding from the Welsh Assembly Government.

A public meeting will be held on February 18 to discuss the canal's future.

Councillor Douglass said a recent meeting about the restoration of the Montgomery Canal was held near Oswestry by the Canal and Rivers Trust.

He said: "At the meeting was Sue Kidd, a university lecturer in Liverpool whose students had worked on and assisted with a similar restoration project. The students would like to assist us with the Montgomery Canal between Llanymynech and Welshpool.

"Their expertise can assist us and we hope will help persuade the Welsh Assembly Government to put money into re-opening of the canal. There will be an open meeting on February 18 at 2pm in the Church House, Welshpool where we can discuss the canal's future and hopefully kickstart its eventual reopening."

MP meeting roads chief over route

FRESH talks are being held in support of the long-running campaign to improve the A5 near Oswestry

North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson was yesterday (Wednesday) due to meet the roads minister John Hayes in Westminster to press for improvements

Mr Paterson has campaigned for the trunk road between Shrewsbury and Ruabon to be turned into a dual carriageway since his first adjournment debate in 1997. He says recent accidents show something desperately needs to be done.

He said: "There was a dreadful accident on the bridge at Chirk a fortnight ago when a tractor almost plunged into the valley below."

Joy at market after award of national prize

Stallholder Rodney Stokes, from Stokes of Ellesmere, shares a joke with Janet Chesworth from Oswestry

IT'S smiles all round at Oswestry Market these days and not just because of the regular friendly banter between stallholders and customers.

For everyone connected to the market is celebrating after its Christmas Live event was named the best of its kind in the country.

The event, which sees the entire town centre transformed into a winter wonderland, was named best speciality market in Britain at the Great British Market Awards 2015 in Birmingham.

Oswestry Christmas Live has been a flagship event for the town on the first Friday of December each year for over a decade.

The main streets are closed to traffic and a fun-fair is brought into the town centre alongside live music, street entertainers, market stalls, firework display and local groups and charity organisations.

Chairman of the judging panel Councillor Mick Barker of Derby said: "This event is a launch for Christmas in Oswestry and is a wonderful community celebration that does so much to boost local tourism and the local economy. "

Councillor Cynthia Hawksley, chairman of Oswestry Town Council's markets and car parks committee, said: "This is a wonderful reward for our market traders, local charities, our staff and the thousands of people who support this event every year.

"It shows what successes can be achieved by working together as a community."

The thriving market has impressed bargain hunters from near and far.

So impressed was Janet Chesworth and her husband John that they moved to Oswestry from Birkenhead on the Wirral six years ago.

Mrs Chesworth said: "When we retired we wanted to live in a market town.

"We looked around and found ourselves coming back to Oswestry time and time again.

"We moved here six years ago and have never regretted it."

HEALTH CENTRE APPEAL ISSUED

OSWESTRY'S mayor has made a plea for the town to be chosen as a base for one of Shropshire's new-style urgent care centres.

Report by Sue Austin

The call from Mayor Gareth Jones comes as health bosses were this week discussing a radical shake-up of healthcare in the county.

And it also comes as fellow Oswestry Town Councillor Duncan Kerr was asking for the council to demand that full accident and emergency services are retained at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital in the shake-up.

The programme board of NHS Future Fit were due to meet yesterday (Wednesday) to consider the recommended shortlist of options for the future of healthcare in Shropshire and also discuss the prototyping of four initial urgent care centres.

One will be developed at Telford, one at Shrewsbury and two elsewhere in Shropshire – either in Oswestry, Whitchurch, Ludlow or Bridgnorth.

Councillor Jones said an urgent care centre would be "fantastic news" for Oswestry.

He said: "It needs to be in Oswestry because of the distance involved and it will help ease the pressure on the A&E department in Shrewsbury. There are a lot of people in our catchment area, including a lot of people who travel from Powys to use our hospitals, so I'm all in favour of it being here."

Meanwhile, Councillor Kerr was due last night to ask fellow Oswestry Town Councillors for their support for his notice of motion calling for accident and emergency services to be kept at Shrewsbury under the Future Fit health shake-up.

His notice of motion to last night's council meeting said: "Given that the Future Fit programme has reached a critical stage in determining policy and strategy for the future of NHS services in Shropshire, Oswestry Town Council strongly believes that the retention and development of full accident and emergency services and facilities at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital is essential.

"Furthermore the council commits itself to pursuing this objective in every way possible and generally ensuring that there is no reduction in the overall levels of services and quality at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital which are freely available for residents of Oswestry and neighbouring areas."

Some of the shortlisted options see departments moved to a new unnamed location thought to be along the A5 or M54 corridor between Shrewsbury and Telford.

Others include the creation of one A&E department for the county, supported by a network of drop-in centres.

Glyn Davies, MP for Montgomeryshire, has welcomed the release of the shortlisted options.

He said: "Montgomeryshire needs the earliest possible decision on the future of emergency and urgent care structure in Shropshire. The current position is not sustainable."

Oswestry Mayor Gareth Jones

Residents urged to give view on pylons

CAMPAIGNERS have been told to take their final chance to tell National Grid its pylon plans are not welcome as consultation enters its last few days.

Russell George, Montgomeryshire AM, has issued the call against plans to install a 33-mile power cable between Cefn Coch to Lower Frankton near Oswestry.

National Grid plans to bury eight miles of the cable. The deadline for submissions from the public is Monday.

Mr George said: "People have had more than enough of National Grid's so-called consultations but nevertheless I would urge people to respond to the final deadline."

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies yesterday (Wednesday) criticised the project in an adjournment debate in Westminster.

In response to the criticism, National Grid spokeswoman Jane Taylor said: "We work hard to engage with people on our proposals and have had lots of comments from local communities which have influenced our work. Where we ask to carry out surveys on private land, we always seek to work closely with landowners. A large number of people along the route have agreed for our team to work on their land and we always complete our work as sensitively as possible."

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Programme for LitFest announced

THE full programme for the sixth Oswestry Literary Festival has been announced.

Ranging from appearances by famous names such as TV's Richard and Judy and former political spin doctor Alastair Campbell to children's authors and illustrators, organisers say this year's event will once again have something for everyone.

Running from March 13 to March 27, the LitFest will celebrate words written, spoken and sung.

For a full run-down of all the events as well as linked activities turn to Page 14 of this week's Oswestry and Border Chronicle.

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Campaigners urge public to give their hillfort a hug

Report by Sue Austin

IT'S taking tree hugging to a whole new level – hundreds of people are being asked to hug a whole hillfort as part of a campaign to protect the surrounding area from development.

The Hillfort Hug at Old Oswestry Hillfort will take place on Valentine's Day, and organisers have billed the day as a peaceful family event. They are urging as many people as possible to take part and demonstrate their support for the hillfort.

The initiative comes as a Government inspector deliberates over whether areas bordering the 3,000-year-old earthwork earmarked for housing should remain in Shropshire's future local development plan.

Dr George Nash, an archaeologist and adviser to the Hands Off Old Oswestry Hillfort (HOOOH) campaign group which is organising the Hillfort Hug, said: "What happens at Old Oswestry is being seen as a test case that could open the floodgates to indiscriminate development exploiting heritage sites and areas of natural beauty across Britain."

Neil Phillips, who lives in Oswestry and is one of the campaigners, said: "We are not against house building and development. But the public wants to see it delivered in the right place, in realistic numbers and in tune with the community's wishes."

Those attending the Hillfort Hug should meet at Gatacre playing fields in Oswestry at 1pm for the short walk to Old Oswestry. HOOOH is asking participants to sign up to the event page on Facebook, if possible. Volunteers are also needed to help steward the event. Anyone interested should ring (01691) 652918 or message HOOOH on Facebook.

Robbery at store in village is admitted

A 28-year old man has admitted the robbery of a corner shop in a village near Oswestry.

Jamie Watkiss, 28, of Llys Road, Oswestry, appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Monday.

He admitted the robbery of Mandy Kaur Singh, at The Corner Shop, Morda, stealing a till, a screen, a scanner and two charity boxes.

He also admitted possessing an imitation firearm - a 'BB' gun.

No details of the offence, which happened on the evening of November 29 last year were given in court.

Judge Peter Barrie adjourned the case for sentencing on a date to be fixed.

The judge remanded Watkiss in custody.

Meanwhile, his co-accused, Angela Colohan, 30, of Abbots Place, Oswestry, pleaded not guilty to the robbery.

Judge Barrie adjourned the case for a trial date to be fixed. The judge granted Colohan bail.

Anger over care home closure plan

Sandra Smith and Heather Francis said the home should stay open because there is not enough dementia care in Shropshire

THE proposed closure of a care home has been branded "appalling" by family members of its residents.

They say the decision to close the Westlands care home in Wem would be "heartless" and the move would rid Shropshire of one of the best centres in the county.

Coverage Care Services announced it will soon begin consultation into the proposals, with a view to officially close by April 1.

But the families of residents who receive or have received care at the home have spoken of their anger at the announcement and are disappointed by the lack of notice given. Sandra Smith, 53, of West Felton near Oswestry, and her sister Heather Francis, 61, of Albert Road in Sundorne, Shrewsbury, said the care their mother, Marian Brown, had received at her time in the home was fantastic.

Mrs Smith said: "I am appalled by the closure.

"My mother was a resident there for three years before she died the week before Christmas.

"In my opinion it is one of the best care homes in Shropshire and the staff are absolutely dedicated.

"We need places like this to stay open – there is not enough dementia care in Shropshire."The closure of the care home, in Station Road, will leave 54 employees and 31 long-term residents forced to relocate.

Coverage Care Services said the closure came amid financial struggles and ongoing building repairs.

Chief executive of the care service company David Coull said that it was expected that the home would close in April following a final decision expected by March 3.

He added they will be keeping families, residents and staff fully informed of the process.

Council agrees hike in tax rate to help fund services

Report by Dominic Robertson

WELSHPOOL Town Council has agreed its budget for the year ahead with a four per cent rise in bills for rate payers.

The four per cent increase means the average band D householder will see the town council portion of their council tax bill rise by £5 a year.

Town clerk Robert Robinson told councillors on Wednesday last week the rise was being proposed to ensure the council had funding to run facilities it has taken on, including public toilets and a day centre. He said: "With the taking over of services we need to be cautious and as Councillor Brendan McWhinnie has said many times, we need to make sure we have the right backing there to do it.

"What this does is allow you to do what you wanted to do and continue with what you were doing."

He added the budget had been designed to be "flexible to take on the things coming up".

He said: "Although the bulk of reviews to services at Powys County Council are supposed to kick in in 2016 there are a few coming earlier, such as the toilets.

"We are aware of other things like the day centre which is ahead of more substantial cuts coming over after. Also we do not know about the effect clustering will have and when that comes I will be looking very carefully to make sure we are not disadvantaged because we do not have to do this. Our responsibility is to the people of Welshpool."

Councillor John Corfield backed the budget and said it delivered on the wishes of the people of the town.

He said: "It is consistent with the public, they have said they want a Tourist Information Centre, they want the public toilets, and I think they have been responsible in saying we want things and do not mind paying a bit more for them."

A statement accompanying the budget documents warned that the town council's precept may have to continue to increase in future years if it is to take on services which the county council no longer wishes to run.

It states: "The devolution of services is to become a factor which will increase the budget over the coming three years. There is no indication yet as to how these will be financed and therefore as assessment of how the budget will look at this time it is difficult to predict.

"However, it is clear that with the Powys County Council budget cuts that it may have an effect on the precept. If the town council wishes to retain services then it must be the case that the precept will rise over time."

Quarries changing hands in huge deal

THE owner of four quarries across Shropshire and Mid Wales has been sold in a multi-billion pound deal – but jobs are not under threat, bosses say.

Lafarge Tarmac's assets are to be sold to Ireland's CRH as part of the £4.9 billion sale of assets by merger partners Lafarge and Holcim.

It will mean four major quarries in Shropshire and Mid Wales change hands and become part of CRH, which will become the biggest UK company for cement, aggregates, ready-mix concrete, asphalt and construction.

The massive Bayston Hill site, on the outskirts of Shrewsbury, includes both asphalt and hardstone operations, and is among the sites which have been sold.

The deal will also see the Llynclys Aggregates limestone quarry site at Oswestry pass into new ownership.

Dolyhir & Strinds, a hardstone, asphalt and contracting site at Presteigne will also change hands, as will another site in Mid Wales, the Gore hardstone quarry, also at Presteigne.

In Shropshire, the business directly employs around 90 people across its two sites. Dolyhir and Gore Quarries currently employ 119 people between them.

Inquest told of suicide

A CONCLUSION of suicide has been recorded at an inquest on the former High Sheriff of Powys.

The inquest heard Peter English, 78, was found dead at his home in Kerry, near Newtown, on October 19.

Mr English served as a magistrate for 36 years, including 11 years as chairman of the Montgomeryshire Bench.

Lorry driver trial details set by court

THE trial of a lorry driver accused of causing an accident on the M5 in 2012 which left an Oswestry man dead will take place in July.

Julian James Ketcher, 43, has denied causing death by dangerous driving of car driver Alan Clements in an accident on December 5, 2012.

Mr Clements, 47, from Hengoed, near Oswestry, died as a result of a five-vehicle road traffic collision.

The collision happened on the northbound carriageway of the M5 at the Hele Straight near junction 28 for Cullompton.

Ketcher, from Warwick, was driving a Scania lorry while Mr Clements was driving a black Ford Focus car.

The trial was originally fixed for November, but was delayed when it was revealed that some evidence was not ready.

At a court hearing on Tuesday Judge Erik Salomonsen expressed concern at the length of time the case has taken for the case to come to court, and told lawyers representing the prosecution and defence it must not be delayed again.

He said: "It is just not good enough to have long delays in a case of this sort. One has to consider the pressure on the family of the deceased and the defendant whenever there is a death. It is our obligation to get cases on."

The trial will take place at Exeter Crown Court and Ketcher remains on bail until the trial. He was not present at the court hearing.

Store spreads love message

Lisa Wallace, from the British Heart Foundation shop, takes a look at the love letters

LOVERS can post their Valentine's Day messages in one of the busiest parts of a town centre — and help raise money for charity.

The British Heart Foundation shop at The Cross in Oswestry, is dedicating its shop window for the month of February to romance by featuring heart-shaped messages created by members of the public and the town's business community.

In return for seeing their "billet doux" posted in the window of the store, the writers will be asked to make a donation to the British Heart Foundation.

Branch manager Tracey Roberts said there are different sized hearts that people can buy for different prices. And she said that it is not just love messages that people can write. "People can put messages of love to anyone — their children, parents, even their pets," she said.

She added: "Local businesses are also getting involved by using our window to post their support for the British Heart Foundation."

Mrs Roberts said that the shop had organised the Valentine window for many years. "It has always been very popular and successful," she said. "But one thing that we have never had is a marriage proposal.

"We would all love to see a 'Will you Marry Me' heart in the window." All the proceeds from the month-long campaign will go to the British Heart Foundation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Referee Owens at club function

WELSH international rugby union referee Nigel Owens will be the guest of honour at a sportsman's dinner.

The black tie evening will be held at Oswestry Showground Pavilion, Park Hall, on March 9.

During the evening Mr Owens will speak about his wide range of interests and his career in rugby. The evening will begin with a pre drinks reception at 7pm, with dinner served at 8pm and the address by Mr Owens at 9.30pm. There will be an auction following the address and final drinks at 11.30pm.

Money raised from the evening will go to Hope House Children's Hospice.

Tickets cost £45 for non-members and £40 for members. To book contact Mark Jones at mark@greenlands.co.uk or call 07967 387199.

Fatal road crash claim is denied

A MAN has denied causing death by dangerous driving after a motorist was killed in a crash.

Robert Jones, 25, appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court where he denied the charge.

The case was adjourned for trial on a date to be fixed later this year. Jones, from Llansantffraid, was released on unconditional bail.

Andrew Trevor Watkins died after being involved in the crash on the A495 near Llanyblodwel, near Oswestry, on April 2 last year.

Man re-bailed in death inquiry

A MAN has been re-bailed over the death of a 20-year-old man at a Halloween party in Oswestry.

Matthew Jones died at the Academy Skatepark on Rednal Industrial Estate, Oswestry, while he was attending the party on his 20th birthday.

A 38-year-old man arrested following the death has been re-bailed until April 30.

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Funding appeal launched to restore castle entrance

Report by Dominic Robertson

AN appeal has been launched to restore Powis Castle's entrance which at one time welcomed Queen Victoria and King George V.

Supporters are being asked to help restore the castle's crumbling East Front which was once the main, grand entrance which welcomed major figures in British and world history.

Kenneth Smith, from the National Trust in Wales, said: "The National Trust has launched a public appeal to raise more than £300,000 as part of half a million pound fund to complete the restoration of the entrance which would have seen King George V and Queen Mary and Queen Victoria (as Princess Victoria) walk up its grand staircase to stand on the high terrace and enjoy the magnificent view over the Breidden Hills."

Once restored, the grand east entrance will be open to the public for the first time in more than half a century, and Mr Smith said it is anticipated that the work will safeguard the future of that section of the castle.

He said: "For more than half a century, since the National Trust took over the castle in 1952, the East Front has been hidden behind locked gates.

"In recent years, the entrance has been closed off to the public because it is currently unsafe and to prevent further damage. Now even these precautions are not enough. The situation has now become critical with damp eroding the wall that holds up the high terrace. Repair work is needed straight away because the retaining wall is falling which will soon affect the structural stability of the east side of the castle.

"The appeal is asking those who care about beautiful and historic places like Powis Castle to help this urgent work."

All those who donate by the end of February will be entered in a prize draw to see how their gift is helping in an exclusive hard hat tour while work is progressing.

The work is scheduled to begin in summer and the aim is for the necessary funds to be in place by February 27. Powis Castle is more than 900 years old and was built by Welsh ruler Gruffuth ap Gwenwynwyn to defend his territory from aggressive neighbours to the north.

In the 1580s the mediaeval fortress became a stately home when it was purchased by the Herbert Family. It passed through generations until 1952 when the 4th Earl of Powis left the castle to the National Trust.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the appeal can do so online, via text, or at National Trust properties in Wales.

More information can be found at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/get-involved/donate/current-appeals/powis-castle-appeal/ People can text POWIS to 70123 to donate £3.

Store boss set for new challenge

THE boss of Iceland has admitted that the company is in trouble following the rise of discounting rivals Aldi and Lidl – but insisted that the fightback has already begun.

Malcolm Walker, who founded the frozen foods retailer in Oswestry, said the company was able to battle back from its current struggles in a competitive market, despite his admission about the company's current fortunes.

In a speech to business leaders at an awards event organised by Business Supporting Communities, he said: "The last two, three years have been so tough and our profits are down.

"We are at that point again when it is going to be re-birth.

"Can we do it? Well we have done it twice, three times before so of course we are going to do it."

Iceland has already launched a trial run of the new Food Warehouse concept, which sees luxury goods such as Champagne and lobsters stocked alongside the firm's usual discount fare.

Mr Walker, a Yorkshireman who is renowned for his plain speaking approach to doing business, launched his first store in Leg Street in Oswestry in 1970 with just £30, and remained its chairman and chief executive through 30 years of sales growth.

He left the business following a profit warning in 2001, before making his comeback four years later. He then led a management buyout of the chain, which is now based in Deeside in North Wales.

Diamond couple celebrate

Dennis and Maureen Hughes from Oswestry celebrating their diamond anniversary

WHEN a cheeky teenager asked a van driver if he needed a push in 1953, she couldn't have imagined that the couple would ever be celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary.

But that comment led to romance and Maureen and Dennis Hughes were married on February 5, 1955, in St Martins Parish Church, near Oswestry.

Mrs Hughes, now 78, said she can still remember seeing the Co-op van crawling up Plough Bank in Weston Rhyn.

"It was going very slowly up Plough Bank. I asked if he needed a push and that's how we met," she said.

"He was working at the Co-op bakery until a vacancy came available at Oswestry Post Office. He had just returned home after seven years in the army.

"We courted for several months and got married in 1955. We bought our first house together for £900."

The couple, who now live in Cambrian Drive, Oswestry, were married for seven years before having their only child, Michael.

They now have two grandchildren and a great grandchild who is two years old.

Mrs Hughes said she didn't know if there was a secret to a long marriage.

"Just hold together, that's all I'd say," she said. "We both worked different shifts but we'd still meet up for lunch.

"We've had a very happy 60 years."

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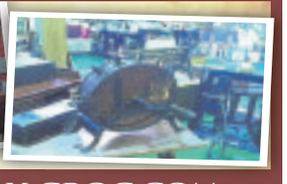

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School delighted with best ever results in GCSE exams

Report by Wayne Beese

THE Marches School in Oswestry has recorded its best ever GCSE results according to the latest league tables - while the best ranked school in Shropshire was the nearby Moreton Hall Girls School.

The league tables show 64 per cent of pupils at The Marches got five or more GCSEs at grade C or above, placing it in the top five schools in Shropshire.

An impressive 99 per cent achieved at least five GCSE pass grades and every students achieved at least one A* to C grade.

Headteacher Sarah Longville said she was proud of what everyone had achieved this year. She said: "This year's results were the school's best ever and testament to the outstanding all-round education students receive, most notably in the core subjects of English and maths.

"We are a truly comprehensive school and these results proved that we deliver a curriculum to suit all abilities – stretching and challenging the most able, whilst supporting and nurturing all students to achieve their personal best.

"These exceptional results are a tribute to the incredible hard work and dedication of the students, staff, parents and governing body."

Moreton Hall Girls School at Gledrid near Oswestry took the crown of the best ranked school in Shropshire.

Figures show 92 per cent of the 60 students taking exams met the Government standard. The lowest ranked school was St Martins School near Oswestry, where 36 per cent of pupils got five GCSEs at C or above including maths and English, while at Oswestry School the figure was 38 per cent.

Sue Lovecy, headteacher of St Martins School, said her school's results would have been higher had resits been included.

She said many pupils at the school had been given the opportunity to enter exams early and then retake them to gain higher grades.

Ms Lovecy said: "Many pupils at St Martins were given opportunity to enter examinations early and to retake examinations where they could gain higher grades.

"The final examination results identify that pupils achieved more as a result of this policy and the overall school results are above the national floor standard.

"St Martins is a 3-16 learning community where outcomes for pupils are consistently good in the primary phase and where the new leadership team is securing substantial improvement in the secondary phase.

"Senior leaders and governors are confident that results in 2015 will be significantly better than in 2014 and confirm a three-year improving trend for the school."

Marches School pupils Ethan Bennett and Sophie Foulks in the science lab

Petition is launched to battle plan

AN MP is launching a petition opposing "devastating" plans to close as many as three Mid Wales secondary schools.

Glyn Davies, Montgomeryshire MP, says Powys County Council's plans to review secondary education in the county amount to "replacing teachers with bus drivers".

He said: "I think this is the wrong decision for the council to take. I am going to start a petition to get people engaged with it because it is clear they are rushing this through before people have had a chance to consider it. They want to avoid a period of discussion with the people that are affected and it is a decision that will destroy the cultural heart of our communities.

The council says it will announce the identity of the schools it intends to close in March.

Russell George, Montgomeryshire Assembly Member, also announced his intention to oppose any plans to close schools.

He said: "Our high schools and their sixth forms are an integral part of our communities." Reacting to Mr Davies's comments, Arwel Jones, council cabinet member for education, insisted the review would not be rushed.

He said: "Our plans will be shared with schools, governing bodies, parents, pupils and communities as we develop specific business cases and there will be ample opportunity for those interested to express their opinions. It is work that cannot be rushed but will result in fewer secondary schools and fewer sixth-forms."

Highest rating is missed

NONE of Montgomeryshire's secondary schools has received the highest rating in a new banding system for Wales's schools.

The Welsh Government introduced the new "colour coded" scheme last week amid criticism from unions who say "public judgement" is unhelpful in raising standards.

Under the new system schools are categorised, green for "highly effective schools", yellow for "effective schools", amber for "schools in need of improvement", and red for "schools in need of greatest improvement".

At the time of the announcement Llanfyllin, Llanidloes, Newtown, Welshpool, and Ysgol Bro Hyddgen (Machynlleth) were all graded yellow, while Caereinion High School was amber. The colour coded system has replaced the Welsh Government's previous banding arrangement which was launched in December 2011, where secondary schools were grouped into one of five bands annually.

The National Union of Teachers (NUT) has questioned whether banding is helpful in schools achieving the best results.

David Evans, NUT's Wales secretary, said: "We are fully committed to accountability and believe the data which makes up the categorization system should be readily available to parents.

"However, NUT Cymru remains sceptical that ranking schools in any sort of public judgement is the best way to help support standards."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

A Valentine's Day hug means different things to different people.

For a group from Oswestry it's taking on a whole new meaning this year.

It is hoped that hundreds will turn out on Valentine's Day to hug the town's threatened ancient hillfort in a show of force against planners.

Organisers want as many people as possible to turn out and hug the entire area to demonstrate support for the nationally important hillfort as a Government inspector deliberates over whether areas bordering the 3,000-year-old earthwork earmarked for housing should remain in Shropshire's future local development plan.

The Hillfort Hug is a great idea from the Hands Off Old Oswestry Hillfort campaign group and one which is deserving of massive support.

It's mind blowing to think that Shropshire Council could ever dream of threatening this important Iron Age monument.

And there's lots of interest from around the country too with the Oswestry scheme seen as a test case that could open the floodgates to indiscriminate development exploiting heritage sites and areas of natural beauty.

I really hope people turn out to support this effort and that the planning suits at Shirehall sit up and take notice.

Oswestry's heritage is under threat.

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It was great to see Oswestry Town Council condemning plans put forward by Wrekin Housing Trust to build a four-storey block of 55 care apartments and eight bungalows in Alexandra Road.

The council has backed residents in the area who launched a petition in a bid to stop the plans from going ahead and are certainly right to claim the development was out of keeping with its surroundings.

Original plans for 35 homes have already met with hostility and while the area is an ideal location for such a development the plans are not in keeping with the area.

Let's hope Shropshire Council sees sense over these plans.

It is simply not the right place for a block of 55 apartments.

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Football fans were glued to their TVs and laptops on Monday as transfer deadline day finally arrived – and what a waste of time it all turned out to be.

With Sky TV running around-the-clock updates we were promised high drama.

And the broadcaster continued to hype things up until the 11pm cut-off with reporters stationed at football grounds all across the country.

The reality is there was more going on in the Celebrity Big Brother house.

Powis Castle and its gardens at Welshpool are a hugely popular tourist attraction

Whittington Castle near Oswestry attracts hundreds of American visitors every year

Actor Harrison Ford enjoyed a narrowboat holiday on the picturesque Llangollen Canal

Attractions look to cash in on increase in visitors

More people are enjoying visits to Wales, bringing a welcome financial boost. SUE AUSTIN finds out more

MORE tourists than ever before are visiting Wales from overseas – and businesses and attractions based around Welshpool and Oswestry are doing their best to benefit.

The increase in visitors to Wales has been put down to the increasing worldwide interest in all things Welsh from the mountains to the history of the country.

Tourism figures just published show a large increase in the number of overseas visitors to Wales, along with an increase in the amount they spend.

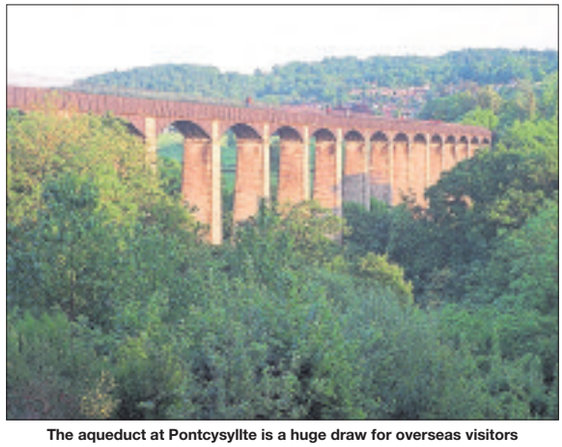
Overseas tourism figures for the summer of 2014 show that 380,000 overnight visits were made to Wales by international visitors, an increase of 26,000, or 7.5 per cent over the year.

Spent

They spent £148 million, an increase of £9 million or 6.7 per cent on the comparable period in 2013. Secretary of State for Wales Stephen Crabb said: "Tourism figures show that Wales is capitalising on its world-renowned heritage sites, fantastic food and drink, and warm welcome for visitors.

"This is great news for the economy and the thousands of hardworking people that are helping the Welsh tourist industry grow."

One Shropshire man who runs a business in Wales says he welcomes visitors from across the globe. Peter Jones from Ellesmere runs the Jones the Boat business that takes visitors across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct on the Llangollen Canal. His narrowboats are in daily use from Easter to October with both trips for the general public and pre-booked journeys for coach loads of both British and overseas tourists.



The aqueduct at Pontcysyllte is a huge draw for overseas visitors

Mr Jones said: "Every Tuesday and Thursday we have parties of American tourists and on Wednesdays and Sundays it is Australian and New Zealand holiday trips.

"We also have lots of Japanese coach parties. It really is an economic boost for the area.

"As well as visiting us the coach parties will use a local pub or restaurant and very often have overnight accommodation in the area."

Mr Jones said the overseas visitors were always thrilled with the unique boat trip and the local countryside. He said: "The Americans always tell me how much they like the countryside. For the Japanese it is the trip to the World Heritage Site that is special for them.

"Everyone likes the fact that they are in Wales and they will ask me to teach them some Welsh.

"Because my name is Jones they think I am related to Tom Jones and ask me to sing - but that is never very successful."

He said individuals travelling on the four times a day public trip came from near and far.

Mr Jones said: "We of course get a lot of visitors from Shropshire but also from every corner of the globe. We get a lot of Dutch visitors who love the mountains, Portugese and Spanish. We have had Russians, Koreans and people from Thailand to name just a few."

One of the most famous visitors to the Llangollen Canal was Star Wars actor Harrison Ford. He and his actress girlfriend Calista Flockhart enjoyed a holiday cruise along the waterway in 2004. It is not just the famous landmark aqueduct which pulls in the crowds in the Oswestry and Welshpool area.

Various attractions are doing their best to take advantage of increased visitor numbers to the area including Whittington Castle and Park Hall Countryside Experience near Oswestry and Welshpool's Powis Castle as well as Chirk Castle.

Sue Ellis, manager of Whittington Castle said hundreds of American visitors visited the castle every year.

She said: "American tourists love visiting the castle on the Marches border so they will go to Chirk and Powis and come across the border to Whittington.

"Americans called Whittington flock to us.

Love

"They see it as their own castle and love having their photos taken outside 'their castle'. And of course we have the legend of Dick Whittington who went to London to make his fortune.

"We always give a guidebook, free of charge, to any family called Whittington, who makes the journey to the castle."

However, one Shropshire MP reckons more could still be done to attract even more visitors to the region. Wrekin MP Mark Pritchard has called for Shropshire's two councils to do more to promote the county as a tourist destination.

Mr Pritchard, who is vice chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Tourism, said leaders are too coy in boasting about the region. He said: "Tourism plays a key role in Shropshire's and Telford and Wrekin's economy, but so much more could be done to attract more visitors to both the county and the borough.

"Shropshire has so much to offer, and so many businesses rely on tourism for their livelihoods, that more needs to be done to build on the good tourism promotion work that is already being done."

WORKING FOR YOU

Glyn Davies MP

Over the last few days, I have been much involved in raising the difficulties being faced by our milk producers in the House of Commons.

The dairy industry is crucially important to the economies of Shropshire and Montgomeryshire.

At present dairy farmers are facing an uncertain future.

Luckily, I was called at Prime Minister's Questions.

I decided to ask Prime Minister David Cameron to do all within his power to help the dairy industry.

That includes extending and strengthening the power of the Groceries Code Adjudicator (otherwise known as the supermarket ombudsman).

Meeting

I decided to raise this issue after meeting farmers at Welshpool Livestock Sales the previous Monday.

At present, supermarkets sign up to a voluntary agreement to treat suppliers (including milk producers) fairly.

This is not strong enough in my opinion.

It was never strong enough.

'Voluntary' is not good enough.

Practice

It should be a 'statutory' code of practice, with fines that hurt when unfair treatment is found.

And the fines need to be based on a percentage of turnover, to ensure the Adjudicator's teeth have real bite.

I was also able to arrange a meeting with the Rt Hon Liz Truss, Secretary of State at Defra last week, to consider what else can be done to help milk producers survive the current instability in the international market for milk and dairy products.

Without doubt there is an oversupply on the international market, and a short term dip in demand.

Like most in the dairy industry, I feel optimistic about the long term future of milk production in Britain.

But it's important that banks and HMRC adopt a sympathetic approach.

I was reassured that the Secretary of State is well on top of this.

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A: The Employment Appeal Tribunal (EAT) ruled in the autumn of 2014 that, with immediate effect, non-guaranteed overtime and other supplemental payments relating to travel should be included in holiday pay calculations. The ruling only applied to holiday pay in respect of the 20 days entitlement mandated by the Working Time Directive (WTD), not to any of the 8 â€˜additional leaveâ€™ days in the Working Time Regulations (WTR) provisions.

The additional days are the last 8 days to be agreed by the employer and employee in that leave year. When making this ruling the EAT also restricted how far back holiday pay claims could go but this has, to an extent, been overtaken by the Government introducing legislation preventing claims issued after 30 June 2015 from going back more than two years.

The important thing going forward is for you as an employer to assess any potential liabilities you may have in respect of unpaid holiday pay claims, especially if you have employees with potentially significant long-term back pay claims that might be presented in the civil courts, and take whatever practical steps are needed to mitigate them.

Due to the complexities of employment law you may benefit from legal advice tailored to your specific needs. If you do make an appointment to see an employment lawyer this could also be a good time to review and fully update all your employee contracts.

Further information relating to this question is available from Nicholas Kennan, a Solicitor Advocate with GHP Legal.

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Dream of doctor's career is fantasy

TODAY, the NHS undoubtedly does an incredible job, delivering world class healthcare as it struggles through yet another winter where patient demand has again risen dramatically, due to multifaceted reasons.

While the NHS is widely used as a "political football" by politicians, in truth any lack of doctors or nurses is not due to a lack of applicants, but incontrovertibly, a lack of course placements here within the UK.

Presently, any major shortfalls in the NHS are made up, to an extent, with foreign recruits.

I am currently applying to study medicine at university.

Having now left college where I achieved 3 As in relevant A-levels I am now on a gap year and have been enjoying a long term work experience placement at a nearby Minor Injuries Unit.

Academically capable, my prospects for gaining admission are near non-existent, and I am confident in that I will be fully rejected without any interviews, in what will be my second year of applying.

This is not pessimism.

My dream of becoming a doctor is becoming a fantasy. The NHS is rightly recognised as a vital and important organisation, yet those who wish to enter and play a part in it face inconceivable competition.

This is the reality faced by many in my situation.

HARRY PHILLIPS
Oswestry

Trident to fund A&E

THE accident and emergency services are in crisis as the NHS funding gap grows.

And yet the Government is squandering £100 billion on nuclear weapons.

If the Government instead scrapped Trident nuclear weapon system and its replacement, then they could fund all A&E services for the next 40 years.

This is why a group from Knighton joined the anti-nuclear weapons demonstration on January 24.

ANGIE ZELTER
Action for Atomic Weapons Eradication
Knighton

Sad about development approval

I AM saddened the Brogyntyn planning application was granted probably as the council's answer to resolve a long standing issue.

Plans state at least 50 dwellings and 11 conversions.

What if more funds are needed for the hall?

Could this possibly increase?

Permission would no doubt be easily granted.

Recent rejected plans for 12 dwellings in Trefonen involved similar factors as Brogyntyn.

This development will create a new village eventually becoming an urban extension of Oswestry.

Sixty-one residential units will require amenities e.g. water pipes causing damage to natural areas and further disruption.

Did the planning committee visit all the proposed development site, travel along the narrow, windy Whitewell Lane that residents of 60 plus dwellings will use to commute to surrounding villages and towns?

Did they stand on the B4580 at the planned new entrance, view the nature of the road, traffic speed?

Highways agents previously commented vehicles tend to move in the region of 60mph, that the visibility standard is not achievable at some accesses on the Racecourse Road.

Extra traffic (about 100 plus cars at peak times) will only add to this hazard. A road safety audit carried out on one occasion does not truly represent traffic throughout the day or weather conditions.

I urge that the B4580 road safety is seriously reviewed.

VICTORIA EVANS
Manchester

Town centre road once looked like this

Let's have a peek at Upper Brook Street, Oswestry, in days gone by. The handwritten date on the message on the back of this postcard is November 23, 1936, although the view itself could be older than that. The car or van in the distance looks 1920s vintage. The postcard is from the collection of Ray Farlow.

Support must be given to farmers

WHY is nothing being done to help the plight of the dairy farmer in this country?

Milk is priced at a ludicrously low price on the supermarket shelves, much lower than a small can of fizzy drink.

The price paid by the processors to the farmer is 24p per litre and is dropping continuously.

How can the processors and supermarkets get away with it?

They must know the true cost of producing a litre of milk, or is there a hidden agenda to ruin the dairy industry in this country? In the future will all our milk come from abroad?

As a member of the public, with friends and neighbours who are dairy farmers, I would happily pay a fair price for milk, as I am sure everyone with a conscience would.

Also, why are no alarm bells ringing in the ears of the Animal Welfare Groups, how can they expect farmers to maintain the health of their animals on the pittance they are being paid?

If nothing is done and soon, we will not only lose our treasured green fields and hedgerows, but generations of dairy farmers will be lost forever.

This is Armageddon for the dairy farmer, for goodness sake, we must fight for them.

JEAN SATCHELL
Llanyblodwel

Safety of road must be priority

ANOTHER week, another instance of the Chirk bypass being closed as a vehicle hangs over the side of the bridge following a collision.

Following a previous collision, a concrete divider was put on the bridge to prevent overtaking and just allow two way traffic, one lane in each direction. Why hasn't the council or Highways Agency put this in as a permanent deterrent?

I am sure many people remember the instance of the cattle wagon that crashed and cattle sadly fell over the side to their deaths. How many collisions do there need to be before a preventative solution is put in place?

MARY FRYER-STEVENS
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Roundabout lights are not necessary

THE use of traffic lights on roundabouts continues.

Despite well reasoned objections at the planning stage, many are being erected at the two altered roundabouts on the A5 east of Shrewsbury at considerable cost.

In addition they will have to be maintained and they will waste time and fuel for those who use the road. A lot.

As the very lengthy and disruptive restructuring of those roundabouts nears its end, it is hard to see what benefits will accrue. While modernity has come up with the ability to perform such schemes, exceptionally slowly, it does not mean that the rare commodity of sense has been involved.

PETER KEEN
Oswestry

In muddle on gender regulations

FOLLOWING my letter last year in which I revealed that in an American school children are now referred to as "purple penguins" to avoid gender stereotyping.

I am grateful to Rod Liddle of the Sunday Times for his revelation that in another country a boy has been sanctioned and reported to his local authority for addressing a girl as a "girl". In the same school similar action has been taken against boys who referred to a boy from Somalia as "Somalian" and a boy from China as "Chinese". Which country, I hear you ask? The People's Democratic Republic of North Korea, perhaps? No – Britain. To be precise, a school in Brighton.

SAM EVANS
Oswestry

Project cost is disgrace

IN this time of where the authorities are supposedly doing everything to save money and the public are being asked to suffer, I hope that Welsh Government have fired the clowns who spent public money on a £48,000 wind turbine in Aberystwyth.

This turbine only generates £5 worth of electricity a month.

It will take 452 years to break even.

But knowing local authorities they have probably not even been rebuked and probably have received a promotion if not a bonus.

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Council will set up own CCTV system

A TOWN'S CCTV cameras could be run by a council in a bid to save money and create a bigger and better system.

Several ideas are being looked at by Chirk Town Council, including teaming up with Oswestry Town Council, which has halved its CCTV bill by installing a new WiFi system.

At the moment Chirk has two cameras, one in the town centre and one by the leisure centre, which are run by Wrexham County Borough Council.

This year, the borough authority has asked Chirk for a contribution of more than £5,000 to keep them running.

The decision to ask rural community councils to contribute to the camera system, while urban cameras will continue to be funded by the county borough, angered some Chirk members.

At a meeting in Chirk Parish Hall on Wednesday last week, councillors agreed they would opt out of the county borough scheme and instead look at launching their own CCTV system.

Councillor Jackie Allen, a member of the CCTV task group, said there had already been talks with specialists.

"We think that for the same amount of money we could install and run a new system in the first year. Then the cost would go down in future years," she said.

Councillor Allen added: "The idea is to have a base station which could incorporate up to eight cameras. We would have two cameras initially but there would be no reason why we couldn't expand in the future."

Other councillors suggested that private business could also join forces with the Chirk system to help protect their own businesses.

Town clerk Sam Hughes said he had been talking to the clerk from Oswestry Town Council which had installed new cameras in the past 12 months.

"Oswestry has installed its own system recently and there is the possibility that our cameras could be monitored from its control room," he said.

Villagers have a real appetite for their lunch club meetings

Senior citizens in Whittington enjoy a lunch at the White Lion pub and restaurant

Brian Roberts celebrates his 70th birthday with White Lion waitress Charlotte Jones

PENSIONERS in a village near Oswestry can enjoy not one, but two lunch clubs, thanks to link-ups with a pub and a primary school.

Report by Sue Austin

Seniors in Whittington can sit down to a two-course lunch at the picturesque White Lion pub and restaurant, enjoying an hour or so overlooking their very own 900-year-old castle.

And the pensioners in the village can also enjoy another monthly lunch date, when school dinners are delivered to diners at the Senior Citizens Hall in Station Road.

Again a two course lunch – the same as that enjoyed by the pupils at Whittington Church of England Primary School – is served, along with tea or coffee.

Secretary of the Senior Citizens Club, Mrs Gill Roberts, said taking part in the organisation's events was a great way to enjoy a meal and some company.

"When you are living on your own, or even when there are two of you, you don't always get round to cooking a full meal," she said.

"For instance we enjoy a roast lunch from the school, something that you wouldn't do just for yourself."

Mrs Roberts said the pub lunch club was started by Age Concern many years ago.

The running of the pub lunch club was then taken over by the Senior Citizens Club, she said.

"It started at the Penrhos Arms in the village and when that pub closed we asked the owners of the White Lion if they would step in," she said.

"You don't have to be a member of the Senior Citizens Club to go along, simply a pensioner," Mrs Roberts explained.

There was a special occasion at the most recent meeting of the pensioners at the White Lion when member Brian Roberts celebrated his 70th birthday. The Senior Citizens Club in Whittington continues to be popular and the group organises events throughout the year.

The events range from trips out to a day spent on the bowling green.

Recently some of the group members enjoyed a spa day at Walford and North Shropshire College in Oswestry. There are also line dancing and whist events held at weekends in the hall along with meetings of other organisations.

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Link-up to create a new arts project

A COLLABORATIVE community art project has been launched to raise awareness of mental health as well as the role that art plays in recovery.

The scheme in Oswestry by the art department at Walford and North Shropshire College and Designs in Mind has been inspired by ceramicist Mitsy Sleurs and a project called "99 feelings".

The project is themed around using eggs to express emotion. Each participant will make and fire an egg. They may use colours or materials to illustrate a feeling such as happiness, sadness, or healing.

The result of the project will be a ceramic piece of art which would be made up of individual parts made by participants of Designs in Mind and students at the college and then assembled.

Kate Smallwood, art lecturer at Walford and North Shropshire College, said: "It's exciting for the art department to forge links with Design in Mind.

"I'm also looking forward to seeing the creative work that will be produced as part of the project.

"The project is a great way to raise awareness of the role art plays in supporting sufferers of mental health issues."

Designs in Mind is a studio of designer makers with experience of mental health issues.

Big cat mystery continues as further claims revealed

AN Oswestry man says he has twice seen a big cat roaming around the countryside in Shropshire.

Mr Evans is convinced that such animals are living wild in the county, having seen one for himself, not once, but twice.

Now retired, Mr Evans, 75, has returned to the road near Oswestry where he says a big cat loped across in front of his car.

By Sue Austin

The area is close to where other sightings have been, one as recently as last year.

Mr Evans said: "I was fascinated by the Shropshire Star newspaper's photograph dated 1994 and taken in Llandrinio, showing a lynx like creature resembling a domestic cat, but much larger, resting on what looks like a post and rail fence.

"In about 2002 I had to slow my car on the Melverley/Maesbrook road on two consecutive occasions to avoid an identical animal as it emerged from the hedge and crossed the road ahead of me. On each occasion it was around 2.30am on a Sunday morning, after I had dropped a friend off in Melverley and was on my way home. The area is just a stone's throw from Llandrinio."

Mr Evans said on both weekends he saw the animal at the same spot in the road, indicating that it was a creature of habit using a familiar route.

"On both occasions the animal emerged from the hedge ahead of me on a straight, giving me a good view of him as he hopped down from the verge in one graceful stride, and paused in the middle of the highway to look at my car," he said. "This confirming it was not a dog, because the eyes reflected green like those of a cat.

"The creature was the size and colouring of a large black labrador, but completely the wrong shape - this was definitely a cat of some kind."

In March last year 43-year-old Wendy Lochridge saw a large cat disappear into bushes in fields near her home at Morton, a hamlet in between Llandrinio and Maesbrook.

She said that she believed the animal was a panther as it was too big to be a normal cat.

Oswestry man Sam Evans takes a look around the area where he says he saw a mystery large cat roaming around on two separate occasions late at night

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man denies four sex allegations

A 30-year-old man has denied charges of engaging in sexual activity with a child.

Matthew Gordon, of Woolston Bank, near Oswestry, denied four charges of sexual activity with a child during an appearance at Shrewsbury Crown Court.

He also denied taking and distributing an indecent image of a child, the supply of a Class A drug, cocaine and assault causing actual bodily harm.

The offences are alleged to have taken place last year.

Judge Peter Barrie said a trial would be held at either Stafford or Birmingham Crown Court.

The case was adjourned for a trial date to be fixed and Gordon was granted bail.

Man is facing cat cruelty claims

A MAN from a village near Oswestry who is facing three charges of causing unnecessary suffering to a cat will stand trial later this year.

Quade Roy Adams, 22, of Station Road, Weston Rhyn, denies three charges of causing unnecessary suffering to a cat.

The alleged offences are said to have happened between January 6, 2014 and February 13, 2014.

Adams, who was not present at Shrewsbury Magistrates Court on Tuesday, will stand trial back at the court at a date to be fixed in May, the court was told.

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FIRMS in Mid Wales are being urged to take advantage of a scheme which could save them £1,000 on business rates.

The Wales Retail Relief Scheme will provide up to a £1,000 discount on the business rates bill to all qualifying retail premises with a rateable value of less than £50,000.

Applications must be submitted by March 31.

Councillor Avril York, Powys County Council's cabinet member responsible for regeneration, said: "I would urge our retail premises that qualify to apply for this relief before the March 31 deadline."

To download an application form visit www.powys.gov.uk

Care firm's work is commended

A COMPANY responsible for more than 4,000 hours of weekly home care services has been praised by a national watchdog.

Abacare, which is employed by Powys County Council to provide 4,821 hours of domiciliary care in north Powys, was commended in a report from the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales.

The report found that quality of life, staffing, and leadership and management were all "good". Peter Angelides, managing director, said the firm was thrilled with the findings of the report.

Air show nominated for a top national tourism prize

Report by Dominic Robertson

A MEMORIAL air show visited by thousands of people has been nominated for a Wales Tourism Award.

The Bob Jones Memorial Welshpool Air Show, which takes place at Welshpool Airport, has been selected as a finalist for the Visit Wales awards, which will be decided at a ceremony in Cardiff on March 25.

Derek Simms, Welshpool Town Councillor, announced the news at the meeting of Welshpool's full council on Wednesday evening last week.

Councillor Sims said: "What fantastic news for the town and really as far as I am concerned it shows how when you plan, when you organise and when you work together - and there is a huge community involved in this, not just the town council - when they work together how you can get something like this off the ground so quickly.

"It is a credit to Welshpool and everyone involved in it."

The air show has been held at the airbase for the past eight years but was renamed in 2012 after its founder, and owner of Welshpool Airport, Bob Jones, died in a plane crash.

Mr Jones, 60, died on Long Mountain, near Welshpool, in January 2012, along with Steven Carr, 55, from Ruthin, Denbighshire.

Tributes from around the region were paid to Mr Jones after his death and his legacy continues to this day through the air show.

Mr Jones founded the airport in 1990 on land near his farm, and later founded what was then known as Welshpool Air Show.

It has grown into one of the biggest small air shows in the region.

Thousands of people attend the air show at Welshpool each year

Police smart phone boost

POLICE officers in Mid Wales have been issued with smart phones to allow them to carry out every day policing duties while on the beat.

Dyfed-Powys Police said it has given 500 frontline police officers Samsung Galaxy Notebook 3 phones so they can use it for crime recording, police checks, road traffic collision recording and on-street cannabis warnings.

The force said it will hand out a further 150 by April to ensure as many officers as possible have access to the phones. Constable Ben Ashton, a roads policing officer, said: "The new device is completely changing the way frontline police officers conduct there business. Everything can be done while we are out and about allowing us to provide a much more visible policing presence on the streets.

Circular route is awaiting ramblers

THE Welshpool ramblers walk on Sunday will be from the Dolanog Community Centre car park, Grid ref SH 066128, starting at 10:15am.

Alternatively, there may be a meeting option at 9.30 in the top part of Church Street car park, Welshpool, from where shared transport may be available.

The circular route of about 10 miles, with a shorter option of seven miles if required, will follow the north side of River Vyrnwy to Pontrobert, returning on the opposite side of the river.

The paths and tracks will be supplemented with some road walking.

Further details can be obtained from the walk leader, Jim Rowley on (01686) 650984. All are welcome, but no dogs are allowed on the walk.

Advance notice is given of the walk on Sunday, February 22, which is scheduled for the Bury Ditches area.

On January 25, Dave Evans led a group of seven Welshpool ramblers on a circular walk of 6.5 miles from Welshpool following the Montgomery Canal to Buttington Bridge before ascending to Yr Allt, including a deviation to the triangulation point to maximize the views.

Backing continues for Africa projects

A CHARITY based in Llanfyllin has raised more than £9,200 for projects in Uganda over the past two months.

Dolen Ffermio sent out a Christmas catalogue to supporters which allowed them to buy gifts such as goats, seed and hens to be sent to the Ngora region.

Val Talbot, volunteer organiser, said: "This will enable us to bring 30 new children into our Orphan Project this year and carry on supporting children in their second and third year.

"The very first 39 children who joined the project in 2012 have now left with a proud legacy. They are all making good progress in primary school and some older children have progressed to good secondary schools with the help of sponsorship from here. Their health has been good, apart from one little HIV positive girl who very sadly died from pneumonia last year.

"The children have benefited greatly from their skills training and can turn their hand to anything, it seems.

"The gifts of goats, turkeys, hens and maize from supporters in Shropshire and Powys are a vital part of the project and most of the families have built up their flocks and herds really well, and the maize harvests have given them the cash to buy the following year's seeds."

Westminster debate told of pylon project concerns

PLANS to build a 33-mile power line between Cefn Coch near Llanfair Caereinion to Lower Frankton near Oswestry are "a desecration of landscape on a mind-blowing scale", an adjournment debate in Westminster has heard.

By Andrew Morris

The claim was made yesterday (Wednesday) by Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies during a debate on National Grid's plans to install the line.

National Grid plans to bury eight miles of the cable underground as it passes through the Vyrnwy Valley while the rest will be carried overhead, sparking fears it will destroy the countryside.

During the adjournment debate Mr Davies criticised National Grid's approach to the project and the plans themselves.

He said: "This is desecration of landscape on a mind-blowing scale. Not surprisingly, it has outraged much of the local population.

"I've lived in Montgomeryshire all of my life, and have never known the people of Mid Wales so angry.

"The position is that National Grid has been contracted by wind farm development companies to build the 400kv line. Over the last three to four years, National Grid has sought to force this line on a reluctant population. It has totally failed to engage with the people of Montgomeryshire.

"Over the last year or so, I have had countless frightened constituents ring me, terrified by the bailiffs employed by agents Bruton Knowles of Gloucester, to enforce National Grid's will."

Mr Davies added: "It's nothing more than outright bullying, using size and money to crush a local population."

And the MP said he hoped the Government would consider asking National Grid to scrap this "crazy project, or at the very least suspend it, until there is in place planning permission for wind farms that might need a connection".

Consultation is continuing into the controversial National Grid plans with the deadline for submissions from the public ending on Sunday.

Cyber balloon race ready to take off

Dawn Morris was on cake-selling duty at the fundraising coffee morning

A CYBER balloon race will be held across Shropshire and Mid Wales to raise funds for protestors fighting plans for a high voltage power line across the countryside.

The Montgomeryshire Against Pylons (MAP) campaign group launched the event at a fundraising coffee morning in Meifod Village Hall. Funds raised will be shared between MAP and Macmillan Cancer Awareness.

Balloon racers will pinpoint where they think their balloon would reach after a week-long cyber flight, due to begin on March 28.

A computer will then be used to log weather conditions and prevailing winds to decide what would have happened to a real balloon if it had been launched that day.

Jonathon Wilkinson, chairman of MAP, said: "All people need to do is go online at http://rabr.uk/map and buy as many balloons as you like, then personalise them by deciding on colour, thickness of balloon skin and amount of virtual helium."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Defibrillators to be put in villages

THREE life-saving defibrillators will be installed in villages near Oswestry thanks to council funding.

Oswestry Rural Parish Council has decided to fund the heart start machines to be available 24 hours a day in Trefonen, Morda and Rhydycroesau.

Public meetings will be held at each venue so a specialist from the West Midlands Ambulance Service can explain what the machines do and how easy they are to use.

Councillor Paul Milner, one of those behind the project, said the idea to put defibrillators in the parish came from a similar appeal run in the Oswestry and Border Chronicle newspaper.

That appeal saw five defibrillators placed around Oswestry.

Author to help out at bookshop

AUSTRALIAN author Brooke Davis will visit Oswestry during a road trip around England.

As a former bookseller, Brooke will be doing a stint in bookshops around the country to help promote her debut novel Lost & Found.

She will be visiting Booka in Church Street, Oswestry, tomorrow (Friday), where she will be talking to readers and book groups. She will also be making recommendations, stacking shelves, signing books, and even learning how to be a barista in the bookshop café.

Collision leads to changes to route

Cllr Terry Evans says the measures are working

ROAD safety measures have been brought in after recent crashes on the Chirk A5 bypass bridge.

The Highways Agency has put in 40mph signs and a temporary structure on the bypass to stop motorists overtaking. It comes after two brothers were inches from death when the tractor they were travelling in was involved in a collision on the busy route. The tractor crashed through safety railings and came to rest on the edge of the bridge high above the River Ceiriog.

Two people in cars suffered injuries not thought to be serious.

Councillor Terry Evans,Wrexham County Borough councillor for Chirk South, said the interim measures seemed to be working.

"Since the temporary signs and barriers were put in place it has slowed the traffic down tremendously," he said.

Group awards first grants to villages' organisations

THE first grants from a £1 million pot of Big Lottery funding have been given out.

The Three Parishes Big Local, which aims to help the villages of Gobowen, Weston Rhyn and St Martins have awarded the first Community Chest grants to community groups.

A small grants fund, the Community Chest was set up by the Three Parishes Big Local partnership and it provides grants of up to £500 for organisations, projects and activities.

The first groups and projects to benefit from grants include Weston Rhyn's Good Companions organisation and the Gobowen Old Friends group.

Grants have also been awarded to the 2nd St Martins Scout group, Gobowen Women's Institute and St John's Church in Weston Rhyn.

The activities that the funding will be used for include coach trips, a jewellery making course, buying tables and chairs for a new community cafe, a project to tackle isolation and loneliness in older people, and camping and archery equipment. Bridget Laraway, Three Parishes Big Local Co-ordinator said: "The Community Chest fund is still open for applications and anyone who is interested in applying, or would like more information, can find details on the website www.big-local.org or ring me at Qube on (01691) 656882." Grants have also been awarded to the village magazines in the Three Parishes Big Local area – the Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Roundabout, Village Life in St Martins and The WREN in Weston Rhyn.

By Sue Austin

Nick Heard, chair of the Three Parishes Big Local, said: "The Three Parishes Big Local partnership recognize that the three village magazines are an extremely valuable community resource. They play a key role in keeping residents informed about what goes on in the local area, thanks to the hard work of local volunteers in Weston Rhyn and St Martins, and the Parish Council in Gobowen. It is great to be able to support all these organisations and projects.

"In particular we recognise the vital importance of the village magazines in keeping the residents informed of all the events and issues going on."

Mosaic goes on display at school

Ollie Tulloch and Georgia Sumner with the mosaic

The mosaic outside Llansantffraid Primary School

PRIMARY school children have been showing their artistic talents by creating a giant mosaic to go on display outside their school.

The mosaic was made by children in years five and six at Llansantffraid Church in Wales Primary School.

The new art piece has now been fixed to the wall at the front of the school for all to see.

All the design work was done by the children at the primary school who then followed their own pattern to create the mosaic using small pieces of tile.

The mosaic project was organised by Philippa Hughes, who was formerly an art teacher at Llanfyllin High School and now has a grandson at the primary school.

She said: "The reason for the mosaic was to brighten up the front of the school while further developing the art skills of the children.

"They designed the mosaic by coming up with ideas of symbols which represent school life in Llansantffraid.

"They represented the curriculum, the close links to the church and friendship.

"The teachers then guided the children as they constructed their piece of art."

"They were a joy to work with," she added.

Tiles for the project were donated by Varley Tiles of Oswestry.

Mrs Hughes said she would like to thank the business for its help.

Holiday scheme to be held in town

CHIRK children will be able to enjoy holiday playschemes in the town again the year.

But there were warnings at Chirk Town Council that more children should be encouraged to join the project if it is to continue.

The scheme, run by Wrexham's play development team, is held each year to encourage young people to enjoy play that is supervised yet with a sense of freedom.

Town councillors were told last week that the scheme attracts about a dozen children and said they would like to see many more sign up.

They agreed to fund this year's sessions despite a recommendation from Councillor Jackie Allen that it not be funded this year because of a lack of children getting involved.

The holiday playscheme is funded partly by the Welsh Government and partly by community councils in the county borough area.

Councillor Frank Hemmings said: "It is a good thing for Chirk and I am sure we could encourage more children to go along."

Councillor Deryn Poppitt said that although there were usually about a dozen youngsters some of the sessions attracted many more. He said: "I went along to one of the water play sessions and there were about 30 children and lots of parents helping out."

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Arms haul found by officers during investigation at home

Police from Shropshire tweeted a photograph of the weapons found during the investigation

POLICE officers who were called to a house on the Shropshire/Mid Wales border discovered a cache of guns, swords and even a bow and arrows, it has been revealed.

Report by Sue Austin

Firearms officers from Shropshire were alerted after colleagues in Wales were told of a number of weapons at the scene of the investigation.

More than a dozen firearms were discovered at the property police said along with a collection of ornamental swords.

Firearms certificates were also handed over to police during the night-time operation, officers have said. No-one was seriously hurt in the incident, police said.

The incident began at about 10.45pm on Wednesday last week at an address in the Llandyssil area near Montgomery.

A Dyfed-Powys Police spokesman said officers attended the address after the force received a report of a domestic incident on Wednesday night last week.

"Officers from Dyfed Powys, along with firearms colleagues from West Mercia Police, attended the address," the police spokesman said.

"A 46-year-old male surrendered himself and was arrested on suspicion of assault," the spokesman added.

Following the arrest a number of firearms, firearms certificates and weapons were seized by the police officers as a safety precaution, officers said.

"A female suffered a minor injury, which did not require medical treatment," the spokesman added.

"Dyfed-Powys Police thanks West Mercia Police for their assistance in this sensitive incident."

After officers were stood down, the Operational Patrol Unit for Shropshire tweeted a photograph of the weapons seized saying they were found at just one household.

Poet play at venue

THE story of Oswestry-born poet Wilfred Owen will be returning to the stage at one of the UK's top venues by popular demand.

The play A Dream of Wilfred Owen will make a welcome return to Liverpool's St Georges Hall this March, after its first performance in October 2014 entranced audiences.

Written by Merseyside journalist David Charters, the story is told from the perspective of Owen's ghost who takes the audience on a journey back to the time of World War One.

A Dream of Wilfred Owen returns to St George's Hall on March 13 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10.

Investigations continue into bodies mystery

THREE unidentified corpses, including one found near Oswestry, remain unsolved on police files across Shropshire and Mid Wales.

The unidentified bodies and body parts – dating back 50 years – include a human skull found in dense woodland at a Shropshire beauty spot and two decomposed bodies, one found in the River Severn and the other in woodland in Powys.

DNA tests, public appeals and investigations to trace the families and therefore those who died have led nowhere.

Their details lie on the files of West Mercia Police and Dyfed-Powys Police with little realistic chance of ever being solved.

The cases emerged following a Freedom of Information request. One of the cases that remains a mystery is a skull discovered on Sweeney Mountain near Oswestry that belonged to a man who died 50 years ago.

Officers are continuing their efforts to unravel the mystery after the skull was found by a dog with a shooting party in November 2013.

Meanwhile, the mystery of a white European man, aged between 45 to 60, who was found in the River Severn remains unsolved.

Officers believe he was in the water for several weeks before the discovery in April 1980.

The man had been wearing a navy blue suit, a checked raincoat and a green shirt.

Another decomposed body was found in woods at Mynydd Fronfelin two miles north of Ceinws near Machynlleth in 2000.

The white European man was aged between 25 and 65 and was not identified.

Man admits web sex allegations

A MAN has admitted having "web cam sex" over the internet with a young girl.

Defendant Ian Nicholas Mottram, who is 22 but was 20 at the time of the offences, also got the girl to send her an indecent photograph of herself.

But Mottram, of Oaklands Road, Chirk Bank, near Oswestry escaped an immediate prison sentence at Mold Crown Court after a psychologist said that his actions were directly related to Asperger's syndrome and other conditions he suffered from.

The defendant, Judge Rhys Rowland said, had got in touch with the child over Skype and behaved very badly towards her.

Mottram admitted two counts of inciting a child to engage in sexual activity. He pleaded guilty to engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child over the internet and possessing the indecent photograph of her.

Judge Rowlands imposed a two-year prison sentence wholly suspended and placed him on supervision so that he can follow a one-to-one sex offender programme.

Mottram was placed on a six-month tagged curfew between 8pm and 7am. and was ordered to register as a sex offender for 10 years.

A 10-year SOPO (sexual offences prevention order) was also made.

Mark Connor, defending, said that his client was not a high risk of re-offending.

References referred to Mottram as not being predatory but kind hearted and eager to please, he said.

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Children's author Yasmeen Ismail will be running workshops during the festival in Oswestry

Tony Blair's former spin doctor Alastair Campbell is sure to entertain and intrigue the LitFest audience

BIG STARS AT FESTIVAL

Report by Dominic Robertson

THE programme for this year's Oswestry Literary Festival has been announced with events ranging from appearances from famous faces to workshops and fun activities aimed at all the family.

Running from March 13 to March 27, the LitFest will be celebrating words written, spoken and sung.

Headlining this year will be appearances by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan and former political spin doctor Alastair Campbell. Other big names include Frank Cottrell Boyce, Dame Stephanie Shirley and top crime novelist Sophie Hannah.

Judy Finnigan will appear on March 13 at The Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry. She will talk about her new novel, I Do Not Sleep, and will be interviewed by her husband Richard Madeley.

Hot on their heels at the extravaganza is novelist Sophie Hannah who appears on March 18, also at The Wynnstay.

Commissioned by the Agatha Christie estate to write a series of new Hercule Poirot mysteries, Sophie will talk about her first book in the series, The Monogram Murders.

Alastair Campbell will visit the Lion Quays Hotel on March 19 to talk about his new book, Winners and How They Succeed.

He will be followed by LitFest patron Frank Cottrell Boyce, who will visit schools to give readings from his new children's book, The Astounding Broccoli Boy on March 24.

Dame Stephanie Shirley, a pioneer of Britain's emerging IT industry in the 1960s, will close the festival with a special LitFest Encore event on April 8 at the Lions Quay Hotel.

The programme for the festival sponsored by the Shropshire Star and the Oswestry and Border Chronicle, Oswestry School, Marches Care, Network Support Solutions, Morris Cook and Lanyon Bowdler, includes:

•Thursday, March 12: Behind the Beautiful Forevers, 7pm at Kinokulture Cinema. £12 adults, £10 under-16s. A live screening performance of the National Theatre Live production of Behind the Beautiful Forever.

• Friday, March 13: Yasmeen Ismail and Huw Powell daytime (schools only). Children's authors, Yasmeen (Specs for Rex) and Huw (Spacejackers series) will be spending the day in local schools.

• Friday, March 13 to Friday, March 27: Requiem at Oswestry Library. Inspired by the trenches at the Somme, artist Grace Westwood's re-created scene is a spectacular installation made entirely from brown paper. Her piece, entitled Requiem, will be on display in Oswestry Library throughout Oswestry LitFest in tribute to Oswestry-born WW1 poet and the inspiration behind the festival, Wilfred Owen.

• Friday, March 13: Richard and Judy, 7pm at The Wynnstay Hotel, £18. TV's most popular husband and wife team and co-creator of Britain's favourite book club, kick off LitFest fortnight's headline events.

• Saturday, March 14: Specs for Rex Workshop with author Yasmeen Ismail, 10.30am to 11.30am at The Willow Gallery, £3. Join author and illustrator Yasmeen for a fun-filled storytelling and craft session.

•Saturday, March 14: Spacejackers Workshop with author Huw Powell, 11am to noon at The Qube Gallery, £3. Huw has created a high-energy, boy-friendly world of space monsters, pirates, gadgets and intrigue in his adventure book series Spacejackers.

• Saturday, March 14: Rhymetime with Hugless Douglas, 11.30am at Oswestry Library, free.

TV couple Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley promise to be a major attraction at this year's LitFest

Loyal supporter Frank Cottrell Boyce returns to the LitFest this year

Dame Stephanie Shirley will tell of her extraordinary life and business success

Novelist Sophie Hannah is stepping into the shoes of Agatha Christie

•Sunday, March 15: Watch the magical official Harry Potter Tour Show to celebrate new book jacket designs for the biggest selling children's books on the planet.

•Monday, March 16: What Makes a Classic?, 8pm to 10pm, £10 (to include refreshment and a classic book title). A Literary Lounge event at The Dining Rooms sees three Picador editors revealing just what makes a classic.

•Tuesday, March 17: The Pen is Mightier than the Sword, 2pm to 4pm at Oswestry Library, £2.50. Historian Pam Willing lifts the lid on the true story of bitter matrimonial disharmony and dysfunction between two warring local writers.

•Wednesday, March 18: The Wilfred Owen Town Trail, 11am to 12.30pm starts from Cambrian Heritage Railway & Museum and ends at Oswestry Library. This is a 'pay what you can afford' donation event. Join John Waine on a stroll through Oswestry, Owen's birthplace.

• Wednesday, March 18: Jane Austen: Novels and Costume Dramas, 2pm to 4pm at Oswestry Library, £2.50. Professor Deborah Wynne looks at the role of costume in bringing Austen's Regency world to life.

• Wednesday, March 18: Sophie Hannah, 7pm at The Wynnstay Hotel, £15. Commissioned to write a series of new Hercule Poirot mysteries, crime novelist and poet Sophie will talk about her first book in the series.

• Thursday, March 19: Alastair Campbell, 7pm at Lion Quays, Oswestry, £20. The master of spin visits to talk about his new book.

•Friday, March 20: Country Houses at War, 7pm to 9pm at Oswestry Library, £5. Local historian Simon Greaves explores the war experiences of those who lived and worked at properties that later became part of the National Trust.

•Monday, March 23: NT Live Hamlet, 7pm at Kinokulture, £12 adults, £10 under-16s. The cinema screening of the Manchester Royal Exchange Theatre's production of Hamlet.

•Tuesday, March 24: At various schools (schools only) Frank Cottrell Boyce visits to talk about his brand new book for children, The Astounding Broccoli Boy.

•Wednesday, March 25: NT Live Encore, 7pm at Kinokulture, £12 adults, £10 under-16s. Another opportunity to see the cinema screening of the Manchester Royal Exchange Theatre's production of Hamlet

•Thursday, March 26: Marc Morris's King John, Treachery, Tyranny and the Road to Magna Carter, 7pm to 9pm at Booka Bookshop, £5 (including drink on arrival). Historian and broadcaster Marc visits LitFest at Oswestry Library to talk about his new bestseller, King John, Treachery, Tyranny and the Road to Magna Carter.

• Friday, March 27: Matt Haig on Reasons to Stay Alive, 7pm to 9pm at The Wynnstay Hotel, £7.50 (including drink on arrival). Matt writes with searing honesty in his new book Reasons to Stay Alive how at the age of 24, his world caved and he was on the brink of suicide.

• Wednesday, April 8: LitFest Encore – An Evening with Dame Stephanie Shirley, 7pm to 9pm at Lion Quays, £15. From an unaccompanied six-year-old refugee escaping the Nazis on one of the last Kindertransport trains out of Europe, Dame Stephanie went on to become a pioneer of Britain's computer industry in the 1960s.

For ticket bookings and availability visit www.oswestrylitfest.co.uk or visit the official Oswestry LitFest Box Office at Booka Bookshop, 26-28 Church Street, Oswestry, or call Booka on (01691) 662244.

Alternatively you can order tickets online at www.eventbrite.co.uk and find Oswestry LitFest on Facebook.

Search for fire staff launched

WOMEN are being invited to try out life as a firefighter at a taster day to be held in Oswestry.

Activities will include what the job of retained firefighter involves, talking with women firefighters, a tour of the fire station and a chance to look at the equipment, and recruitment and career information.

The session will be held on February 21 from 9.30am to noon at the station on the corner of Mount Road and Oakhurst Road.

Laura Kavanagh-Jones, equality and diversity assistant for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "The event is being held to encourage women to look seriously at becoming part-time professional firefighters.

"To be a retained firefighter you need to live within five minutes of your local fire station, be fit and reliable and be able to attend for duty at any time within your agreed hours." For more information call (01743) 260189.

Women's work recognised

INSPIRATIONAL businesswomen in Mid Wales have been praised by Wales Office Minister Baroness Jenny Randerson.

The minister spent two days in the region to see how the UK Government can increase opportunities for women in business.

Ahead of International Women's Day, Baroness Randerson dropped into Monty's Brewery where co-founder Pam Honeyman is a key contributor in the success of the company, creating and producing the award-winning beer that started the brand "Sunshine".

Baroness Randerson also visited Harrisons Solicitors, specialist legal advisors from Welshpool and Newtown. Managing partner Anne Smith won the outstanding mentor award at the Powys Business Awards 2014.

She also toured the Lon Lodges at Rhayader. Manager Kerena Pugh, along with her husband, opened two self catering holiday lodges on their family farm. Baroness Randerson said: "Encouraging and supporting women to venture into business is an essential part of creating a stronger economy and fairer society, so I am determined to do what

By Sue Austin

I can to get more women in business.

"Since 2010, we have seen more women on FTSE boards then ever before – a rise of 10 per cent since the election - and a substantial increase in female-led small and medium-sized businesses – up 14 per cent since 2010.

"But we need to do much more so that women in Wales can seize the opportunities available to them to succeed in business"

She said across Wales, the UK Government is helping with childcare costs – from autumn 2015, there will be a new tax free childcare scheme worth up to £2,000 per child.

Anne Smith, from Harrisons Solicitors, left, and Baroness Jenny Randerson

NEWS IN BRIEF

Siege the focus of next meeting

THE next meeting of the Oswestry & Border History & Archaeology Group will soon take place.

It will be held on February 13 in the Memorial Hall, Festival Square, at 7.30pm.

Justin Soper, local historian from Activate History, will speak on The Siege of Oswestry, 1644, when the important Royalist stronghold of Oswestry Castle fell to the forces of Parliament and "opened the door to mid Wales".

Mr Soper will also speak about how muskets were loaded and fired, and how George Cranage blew the gates with a petard.

For details of membership call (01691) 690184.

President named

LLANFAIR Caereinion Show has appointed its president for this year's event, which takes place on September 5, at Llanerfyl.

The post has been taken on by Gwen Buckley, who will be standing down as secretary.

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Enjoy a special time at a wonderful hotel

The Black Lion Hotel in Ellesmere offers a fantastic restaurant for any special occasion

THERE is nothing quite as special as spending some time with your loved one for Valentine's Day.

Hotels and restaurants around the Oswestry and Welshpool areas are once again gearing up for a very busy Valentine's period.

One of the great places to spend time with your Valentine's love this year is the Black Lion Hotel and Restaurant, situated in the centre of Ellesmere.

Advertising Feature

The hotel offers a fantastic restaurant, delivering quality food at affordable prices.

A warm welcome awaits all customers at the Black Lion in Ellesmere.

Under new ownership, it is an exciting time for this lovely old hotel which is in the heart of Ellesmere.

Bryony Fisher and her team of excellent staff are looking forward to developing the business and looking after the established customers whilst welcoming new ones. Bryony said she was looking forward to this year's Valentine's Day celebrations and says visiting the hotel will make this year extra special.

She added: "The newly refurbished function room is ideal for any celebration. The restaurant serves locally sourced food at reasonable cost.

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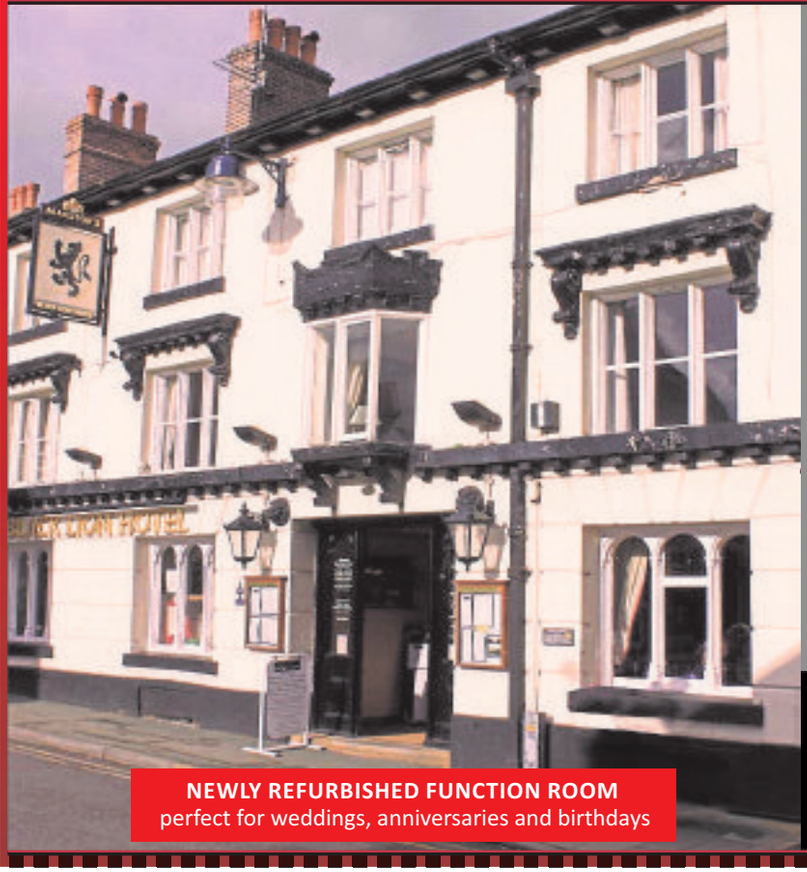

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Ironwork centre shares out the love with offer

Advertising Feature

THIS Valentine's Day don't miss the British Ironwork Centre's heartfelt and exclusive gesture.

The centre, based at Aston near Oswestry, will be sharing the love and giving away 100 heart shaped hooks to the first 100 Oswestry and Border Chronicle readers until Valentine's Day.

Take part in this Valentine's offer could not be any easier for Chronicle readers and British Ironwork Centre customers.

All you need to do to be in with the chance of winning a beautifully crafted gift for your special someone, is to bring this page along with you to the centre's showroom.

With only 100 Valentine's hooks up for grabs be sure not to miss this opportunity and the chance to give your loved one something truly unique.

Please note that colours may vary.

While at the centre, why not enjoy a romantic walk around the vast and ever changing grounds or share a freshly ground and brewed coffee in the warmth and ambiance of the showroom.

For more details about this special Valentine's offer, or more information about the British Ironwork Centre itself, contact (01691) 610952.

The British Ironwork Centre is a family company, long dedicated to, and passionate about the preservation and creation of quality metal work, in all its forms

Among its stunning and varied collection of metal work you will find beautifully decorative items large and small for the home and garden. Some of the British Ironwork Centre's collections are faithful reproductions of beautiful ironwork, no longer seen today, whilst many are new improved items for the home, as glamorous and individual as their originals, but with contemporary twists. The centre is home to a splendid collection of magnificent animal sculptures from a majestic silver back gorilla, to an adorable assortment of farmyard animals. There really is something for everyone.

The heart-shaped hooks are ideal for a special gift this Valentine's Day

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The free hire offer is available with any service or repair within Findasaw.com.

The newly-launched trade shop is open Monday to Friday for anyone to pop in, have a chat and take advantage of the free hire throughout the whole of 2015.

Pub supporting area's breweries

A PUB in Oswestry is backing the area's micro-breweries.

The Black Lion will each month showcase a selection of locally crafted ales from some of Shropshire's and the border area's leading micro-breweries.

The "Brewery of the Month" campaign will gave the pub's real ales lover's a chance to sample even more of the wonderful real ales produced locally in the area.

The pub will also be offering a loyalty card so people can make the most of its real ale campaign.

Awards will celebrate the best of region's business

Report by Dominic Robertson

THE spotlight is about to be turned on some of the best businesses in Shropshire and Mid Wales.

This year's Excellence in Business Awards, run by Oswestry and Border Chronicle's sister paper the Shropshire Star, takes place on April 23.

Hundreds of people will come together at RAF Museum Cosford for the grand ceremony.

And the night presents a great opportunity to showcase the best that the Shropshire and Mid Wales business communities have to offer.

Business in Shropshire and Mid Wales have until the close of play on Wednesday next week to submit their entries to the Shropshire Star Excellence in Business Awards.

There are eight awards up for grabs on the night. The blue riband Business of the Year award recognises the best overall business in the area, with other categories including Excellence in Learning and Skills, sponsored by TCAT, Young Business of the Year sponsored by Precision Colour Printing, Manufacturing Champion sponsored by Proto Labs, and the Innovation Award sponsored by the University of Wolverhampton.

There's also Small Business of the Year, sponsored by Shropshire Council, Customer Champion, sponsored by Rybrook BMW, and Best Place to Work, sponsored by Star Employment Services, complete the roster.

Shropshire Star editor Martin Wright said: "Last year's inaugural event proved a tremendous night for everybody present, and with more categories up for grabs this year is all set to be even better."

The awards are free to enter.

To register your company visit the awards website at www.shropshire-eiba.co.uk

Firms sign up to group

TWO new members have been welcomed to North Shropshire Business Network International (BNI) where they will be joining a wide range of businesses who meet on a weekly basis to share contacts.

Members of North Shropshire BNI meet for networking and sharing business contacts and since January 2014 have passed between them more than £275,000 work of business.

Angela Roome of Sewprint Ltd based in Oswestry and Marianne Butler-Coles from the HR Dept based in Shrewsbury both joined recently and are already finding the move a great start to the new year for their businesses.

The group meets every Thursday at Henlle Golf Club, Gobowen at 6.45am - 8am and there is a £10 cost to attend which includes refreshments and cooked breakfast.

Area on road to success

Bryn Hughes, Geoff Leigh-Ford, Ken Skates AM and Councillor Barbara Roberts met for talks

ALL roads lead to the Ceiriog Valley - and a local tourism partnership is urging members to cash in.

The Chirk and Ceiriog Valley Partnership held a meeting at the West Arms in Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog, near Oswestry, with the area's Welsh Assembly member, Ken Skates.

He spent time discussing the valley's "huge potential" to attract more tourists, day visitors and how to help the local economy. Mr Skates said: "It was great to be able to discuss the huge potential of the area and the massive importance of tourism to the local economy.

"It's always a pleasure to meet with the partnership members who are dedicated to improving the quality of life and visitor offer in the Ceiriog Valley. This area has huge potential to attract more members." During the talks Mr Skates met partnership member Bryn Hughes, West Arms owner Geoff Leigh-Ford and local councillor Barbara Roberts.

Seminar will look at recent rulings

BUSINESSES will be able to hear the very latest developments in employment law at a seminar by experts from an Oswestry law firm.

Recent changes regarding holiday pay and legal rulings on the use of social media by employees are just two developments set to have major impacts on businesses. The employment law seminar will be held by Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors at The Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry on March 10 from 9am. To book a place, email info@lblaw.co.uk or call (01743) 280281.

John Merry, head of employment law at Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors in Oswestry, said business owners needed to understand how changes in the law could affect them.

He said: "There have been a number of high profile cases recently which are significant for businesses.

"In particular, recent case law and a change in legislation impact on the calculation of holiday pay and the extent to which employers are to be exposed to claims if they get it wrong.

"Social media is another area where recent cases provide lessons for employers.

"I would thoroughly recommend employers to come and join us."

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The deceptively spacious ground floor accommodation benefits from oak flooring and doors and includes a sun room overlooking fields to the rear, a dining hall, a farmhouse-style oak kitchen, a utility, ground floor shower room and a lounge with an inglenook fireplace. To the first floor the master bedroom has an adjoining WC (with potential for an en-suite) and a walk-in wardrobe. The other two bedrooms are served by a high quality family bathroom. The generous landscaped gardens surround the property together with extensive patio areas. A detached timber building is currently used as a summer house, garden shed and log store but has a host of future uses. The driveway provides ample parking and there is an open fronted double garage. For further details call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk

End of terrace property is located in a popular village

With no chain, 3 Vine Cottages, Weston Rhyn, is a delightful two bedroom end of terrace cottage in a popular village. The property is on the market with Town & Country for offers in the region of £122,000. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, living room, inner hallway, L shaped kitchen, dining room with patio doors leading to the front garden and two bedrooms and a shower room. The master bedroom is en-suite. For more details contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.

Village property has views of the beautiful landscape

A semi detached village house, 19 Dolafon, Penybontfawr, offers overlooking views of the countryside. The property is on the market with Morris Marshall & Poole for £126,500. Accommodation includes an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room and utility. Upstairs the property has three bedrooms and a bathroom. To the front of the property approached off the estate road is a private hard-standing for car parking for one car. The remaining garden is open plan lawn with access to an external store.For more details contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595.

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- EPC Band F

JJD807

GUIDE PRICE £350,000

OSWESTRY

- GFCH & UPVC DG
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Attractive Private Garden
- Garaging & Parking Area
- Level Walking Distance Of Town
- EPC Band - D

JJD849

£199,500

PANT

Individually designed highly appointed three bed.detached house

- O/F C/H, D/G
- Lounge & Study
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Sun Room
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Children's Play Room/ Fourth Bedroom
- Garage & Car Parking
- Extensive Views
- EPC Band C

JJD782

£420,000

OSWESTRY

- Modern Detached Bungalow
- GFCH & D/G
- Completely Redecorated
- New Carpets
- New Kitchen And Bathroom
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage And Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- EPC Band D

JJD814

NO CHAIN. £143,000

OSWESTRY

- Spacious Fully Modernised Nineteenth Century House
- GFCH & DG
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Room/Sitting Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Workshop
- Ample Parking
- Timber Store Shed
- Neighbouring shops and school
- EPC Band - E

JJD857

£214,950

OSWESTRY

- Victorian End Terrace House
- GFCH
- Two Reception Rooms
- Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms And Loft Room
- Modern Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Walking Distance Of Town & Woodside School
- EPC Band - E

JJD853

£135,000

LLANYMYNECH

- Fully Equipped Sales Office
- 100 Ft. Wide Concrete Forecourt
- Toilet
- Fronting Onto Busy A483
- Recently Used For Car Sales
- Lends Itself To Other Uses

JJD832

£47,500

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Gwern-Y-Brenin **Gwernhafod**
6 BED DETACHED FARMHOUSE
2 BED ANNEXE
OVER 30 ACRES OF LAND
EPC RATING F
OIRO £1,200,000

St. Martins **Bryn Goleu**
4 BED DET HOUSE
APPROX 5 ACRES OF LAND
CONVERTED BARN
EPC RATING E
OIRO £549,950

Pant Glas **The Gables**
5/6 BED DET HOUSE
CONSERVATION AREA
3/4 OF AN ACRE
EPC RATING D
OIRO £415,000

Llanymynech **Culmington House**
5 BED DET HOUSE
DOUBLE GARAGE
4 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING C
OIRO £399,950

Dudleston Heath **OakFields Farm**
3 BED DET HOUSE
APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES
DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING E
OIRO £374,950

Pant **Roann**
4 BED DET HOUSE
SECLUDED LOCATION
EXTENSIVE GARDENS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £369,950

Rhydycroesau **Tanyrallt**
5 BED DETACHED HOUSE
APPROX 3.4 ACRES LAND
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING E
OIRO £359,950

Pant **Westtra**
3 BED DET SPLIT LEVEL PROPERTY
PLUS ONE BED ANNEXE
APPROX 2 ACRES LAND
EPC RATING D
OIRO £339,950

Treflach **Craig Y Don**
4 BED DETACHED PROPERTY
INTEGRAL COTTAGE INDUSTRY
POPULAR VILLAGE LOCATION
EPC RATING D
OIRO £339,950

Dudleston **Brookleigh**
DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £319,950

Oswestry **33 Glentworth Close**
4 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
UTILITY ROOM
EPC RATING TBC
OIRO £279,950

Llanfyllin **The Corner House**
8 BEDROOMS
GRADE 2 LISTED
2 BATHROOMS
EPC RATING G
OIRO £275,000

Gobowen **4 Perry Road**
4 BED DET HOUSE
1 BED ANNEXE
DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £274,950

Oswestry **10 Bentley Drive**
5 BED TOWNHOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
STUDY
EPC RATING B
OIRO £269,950

Oswestry **56 Cabin Lane**
4 BED DET HOUSE
CONSERVATORY
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £264,995

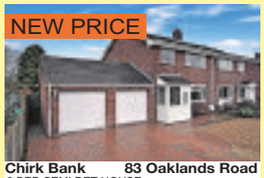
Llansanffraid **Dol Awel**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
SPLENDID VIEWS
PRETTY GARDENS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £239,950

Llanymynech **15 Parc Llwyfen**
4 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
UTILITY AREA
EPC RATING D
OIRO £229,500

Oswestry **2 South View**
3 BED DETACHED BUNGALOW
GARAGE
LIVING/DINING ROOM
EPC RATING D
OIRO £204,950

Treflach **Martindale**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
VILLAGE LOCATION
EPC RATING E
OIRO £199,950

Oswestry **40 Hampton Fields**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
SOUGHT-AFTER AREA
EN SUITE TO MASTER BED
EPC RATING E
OIRO £197,500



Chirk Bank **83 Oaklands Road**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
CONSERVATORY
QUIET LOCATION
EPC RATING C
OIRO £184,950

Oswestry **59 Henley Drive**
3 BED DET HOUSE
CONSERVATORY
LIVING/DINING ROOM
EPC RATING C
OIRO £174,950

Oswestry **63 Henley Drive**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING C
OIRO £157,950

Oswestry **62 Whitefriars**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £149,950

Four Crosses **12 Rodneys View**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CORNER PLOT
EPC RATING D
OIRO £149,950

Oswestry **8 Knights Way**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
CONSERVATORY
LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN
EPC RATING C
OIRO £149,950

Weston Rhyn **22 Aspen Grange**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING C
OIRO £149,950

Llanfyllin **37 Maes-y-dderwen**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
COUNTRYSIDE VIEWS
EPC RATING C
OIRO £146,950

Oswestry **3 Aston Close**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
50% OWNERSHIP AVAILABLE FOR £72,500
EPC RATING D
OIRO £145,950

Trefonen **42 School Lane**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING C
OIRO £144,950

Oswestry **16 Elgar Close**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £144,950

Pant **Croft Bank**
2 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW
ENVIABLE VIEWS
CAR PORT
EPC RATING D
OIRO £129,950

Oswestry **21 Chestnut Avenue**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING
OIRO £129,950

Oswestry **32 Hawthorn Grove**
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE
UTILITY ROOM
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING C
OIRO £117,500

LETTINGS

4 BRYNHAFOD ROAD, OSWESTRY. 1 BED TERRACE HOUSE..... £375 PCM
23 YORK STREET, OSWESTRY. 2 BED TERRACE HOUSE..... £395 PCM
2 GLANYRAFON, LLANGEDWYN. 2 BED SEMI DET COTTAGE..... £495 PCM
19 MIDDLETON CLOSE, OSWESTRY. 2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE..... £495 PCM
19 HERITAGE WAY, LLANYMYNECH. 4 BED TOWN HOUSE..... £525 PCM
15 HOMESTEAD AVENUE, ST MARTINS. 3 BED DET BUNGALOW..... £595 PCM
1 WILLIAM FELTON MEWS, OSWESTRY. 3 BED TOWN HOUSE..... £695 PCM
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Old Chirk Road
Gobowen **£219,995**

- A large 3 Bedroom Detached Family Home standing in established gardens
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Shower Room, Rear Hall
- 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate WC.
- Private gardens enclosed by mature hedgerows
- detached garage and lean-to. Off road parking
- Double glazing & Gas C/H. EPC Rating

Vicarage Lane
Weston Rhyn **£189,995**

- A large 3 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Standing on the outskirts of the village with excellent views
- The property has been extended to the ground floor
- Hallway, Dining Rm, Lounge, Living Room/Stud, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility,
- Cloakroom, 3 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Private rear gardens, a brick paved driveway and a garage, D/G, Gas C/H. EPC Rating

Aston Way
Oswestry **£144,995**

- An excellent 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge
- Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Private rear garden with a timber garden sheds and summerhouse
- Large driveway provides ample off-road parking.
- Double glazing, Gas C/H & cavity wall insulation. EPC Rating

Cabin Lane
Oswestry **£119,995**

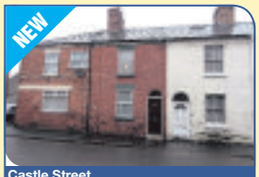
- Deceptively spacious and well appointed Semi-Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Living Room, Conservatory
- 2 good size Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Close to local primary school, recreational fields, bus stop & local shops.
- Well maintained garden and secure off-road parking
- uPVC double glazing throughout, Gas C/H. EPC Rating C

Brydges Gate
Llandrinio **£350,000**

- A well appointed and attractive 4 Bedroom Detached House
- Situated in an enviable cul-de-sac location with views towards Llanymynech Rock, Rodney's Pillar and surrounding open countryside.
- Entrance Hallway, Cloakroom, Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility Room, Conservatory,
- 4 Double Bedrooms, 2 En-Suite Bathrooms, Family bathroom and Double garage
- Lead lighted double glazed windows and oil central heating. EPC Rating
- Set in a generous plot with a large brick driveway and spacious double garage

Smale Rise
Oswestry **£122,495**

- Deceptively spacious and well presented 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room
- 2 first floor Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Private rear garden and a good size driveway
- Double glazing and gas central heating
- EPC Rating



Castle Street
Oswestry **£93,500**

- Deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom Terraced House
- Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room
- Cellar, Kitchen, 2 good size Bedrooms
- Bathroom and Attic Room
- Private slabbed courtyard style garden
- Gas C/Hand partial double glazing. EPC Rating

Abraham Court
Oswestry **£121,500**

- Well positioned 2 Bed 1st Floor Retirement Apartment
- Dual aspect windows overlooking communal gardens
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Beds & Bathrm
- House Manager, Careline System, Resident's Lounge, Laundry
- Guest Suite & communal car park. EPC 'B'

Albert Road
Oswestry **£82,000**

- A deceptively spacious 1 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property with off-road parking
- Lounge, Kitchen, 1 first floor Bedroom and Bathroom
- Paved courtyard and outside storage shed to the rear
- uPVC double glazing & Gas central heating. EPC Rating D

Castle Street
Oswestry **£89,450**

- Spacious Victorian 2 Bedroom Terraced House
- Double Glazing, New Damp Proof Course
- Complete Rewiring throughout.
- Living Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- 2 good size Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Large front garden and ample off-road parking
- Good size courtyard with brick built storage shed to rear

Jennings Road
Oswestry **£130,000**

- Superbly presented Terraced House overlooking Brynhafod recreational fields
- Retaining many original features
- Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear courtyard style garden with storage shed
- Gas C/H and uPVC. D/G EPC Rating D

Wingate Way
Park Hall **£35,000**

- A new build 3 bedroom semi-detached property available on a Help to Buy Shared Ownership basis with shares ranging from 25 - 75%.
- Ent Hall, WC, Fully fitted Kitchen, Lounge/Dining rm
- 3 Bedrms & Bathrm. Large garden & off road parking. EPC 'B'
- Gas C/H & photo voltaic solar panel system.

Welsh Walls
Oswestry **£109,950**

- Deceptively spacious Mid-Terrace Townhouse
- Views of Cae Glas Park and off-road parking
- Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Porch/ Utility Rm
- 1st Flr Bed & Bathroom, 2nd Flr Bed & adjoining Nursery/Study
- Lawned garden& patio to rear, parking to front. Gas C/H, EPC Rating E

Wilfred Owen Close
Oswestry **£80,000**

- A ground floor apartment in a prominent historic building
- Ent Hall, Open plan Kitchen/Living area, Large bedroom & Bathroom
- Communal garden/drying area and car parking
- Ideal opportunity for a 1st time buyer or investment purchaser
- Gas C/H & uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating C

Albert Mews
Oswestry **£104,995**

- A substantial 2 Bedroom Terrace Property
- Situated within walking distance of Oswestry town centre.
- Entrance Hall leading into Kitchen, Living Room
- 2 first floor Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Private garden to rear and parking
- Gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating

Aston Close
Oswestry **£145,950**

- A comfortably appointed Detached House
- Ent Hall, Sitting Rm, Dining Rm, recently fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms & recently fitted Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden, driveway parking and front garden
- D/G, cavity wall insulation and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D

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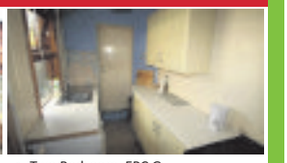


- NO CHAIN!!!
- Ideal Investment
- First Time Buyer Opportunity

- Two Bedroom. EPC G
- Close to Town Centre
- Early Viewing Recommended

£79,950

OSWESTRY

- Mid Terraced Townhouse
- Two Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating

- Ideal First Time Buy/
- Buy to Let Investment
- Close To Town Centre

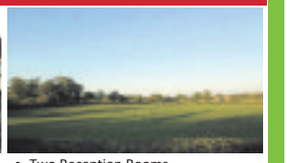
Offers in the region of £95,000

OSWESTRY

- NO CHAIN!!
- Victorian End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Recently Redecorated
- Newly Carpeted
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Front Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- uPVC Double Glazing
- Town Centre Location

£121,000

WALFORD HEATH, BASCHURCH



- TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION
- Detached Spacious
- Mid 19th Century

- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bedrooms
- Luxury Bathroom

Guide price £125,000

OSWESTRY

- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Semi-Detached
- Well Maintained

- Views over Oswestry
- Carport & Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating

£125,000

LLANWDDYN

- Beautifully Decorated
- Three Bedroom
- Detached Cottage
- Beamed Ceilings
- Stunning Views

- Sought After Location
- Approx 3 Acres of Land
- Stable Block
- Outbuilding
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£475,000

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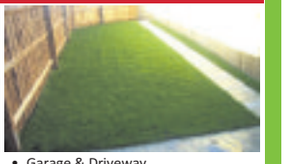

- Modern Mid Mews
- Two Bedrooms
- No Chain

- Garage & Driveway
- Edge Of Town Location
- Well Maintained

£129,995

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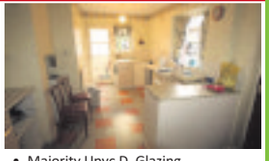
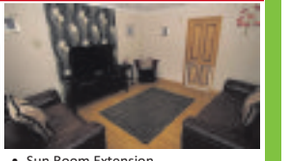


- NO CHAIN!!
- Spacious End Terrace
- Three Bedrooms

- Majority Upvc D. Glazing
- Part Gas Central Heating
- Two Reception Rooms

Offers in the region of £130,000

LODGEVALE PARK, CHIRK



- NO CHAIN!!
- Modern Semi Detached
- Backing onto Open Fields

- Sun Room Extension
- Hot Tub & Solar Panels
- Oak Upvc Double Glazing

£135,000

PANT

- WITH NO CHAIN!!
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms

- Well Maintained. EPC D.
- Spacious Accommodation
- Single Garage & Driveway

£149,950

RUYTON XI TOWNS

- Semi-Detached House
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Semi-Rural Position
- Attractive Gardens

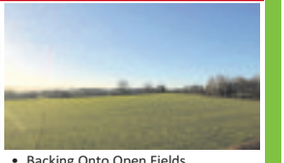
£170,000

LLANARMON DC

- Attractive Property
- Fully Renovated
- Sought After Location
- Three Bedrooms. EPC E

Offers in excess of £135,000

TREFONEN ROAD, MORDA



- Four Bedrooms
- Three Storey End Mews
- Garage & Off Road Parking

- Backing Onto Open Fields
- South Facing Garden
- Modern Immaculate Interior

£184,950

HIGH STREET, WESTON RHYN

- Detached Three Bedroom
- Large Corner Plot Garden
- Popular Village Location

- Kitchen
- Separate WC
- Bathroom

Offers in the region of £185,000

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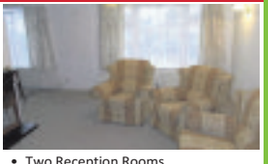
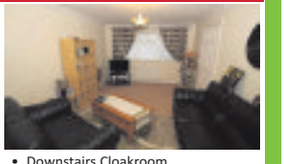


- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage and Driveway

- Two Reception Rooms
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas central heating

£195,000

CHIRK



- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite & Bathroom

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Views From The Rear
- Garage & Parking

Offers in the region of £199,950

WHITTINGTON

- Spacious Detached Family Home
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Views Across Countryside
- Sought After Location. EPC D

£235,000

OSWESTRY

- Character Period Property
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Large Extension To The Rear
- Views Over The Park

Offers in the region of £249,995

LLANYMYNECH

- Large Detached Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Spacious Accommocation
- Canalside Location

£269,950

WESTON RHYN

- SUPERB GARDEN
- Three Bedrooms
- Updated Interior
- Detached Bungalow

£289,950

QUEENS HEAD

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Executive Family Home
- 3 Reception Rooms
- EPC Rating 82 (B)

Offers in the region of £315,000

PENYBONTFAWR

- Traditional Welsh Long Cottage
- Set in 6.83 Acres
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Outbuildings and Parking

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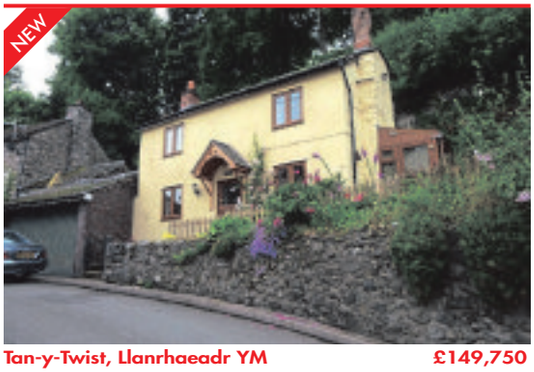

Tan-y-Twist, Llanrhaeadr YM **£149,750**

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Some early birds are laying their eggs in mid winter

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams

TEMPERATURES have been a little low of late and although this shouldn't deter any but the most lethargic of sofa parsnips, low temperatures, wind and driving sleet is, I must admit, not much fun to be in.

On such days I ashamedly retreat to the warmth of my house and glance guiltily out of the window at the bird feeder.

The realisation that nature continues, indeed 'must' continue despite the bitterest moments in winter, only adds to one's self-reproach.

Yet there are sights to be seen on and around the bird table as we head into February.

In fact the activity is likely to be higher than normal on the avian front.

This is because several species choose this month to begin laying eggs and raising their chicks.

But why so early?

While the nestling diet of these early birds is not necessarily conducive to early breeding, species able to take advantage of soil invertebrates specifically (rather than say insects on the wing) are less limited by food availability and may breed opportunistically at the end of winter, particularly around human habitation where temperatures are artificially raised and bird feeders provide additional sustenance.

The year's first clutch of robin eggs has already (appropriately) been tweeted at the start of January.

A pair of mistle thrush breeding in a Glasgow park were also flagged up on Twitter, the young having fledged in the middle of last month.

Some birds couldn't even wait for the New Year to start the 2015 season.

A moorhen on eggs in Cambridgeshire was noted in mid-December and her eggs had hatched by Christmas.

Then there are the usual suspects.

The species I always think of as one of the earliest is the blue tit.

These birds have been squabbling, often unbeknownst to us, for territory since last autumn with nesting places decided upon and fought over since the beginning of winter.

Now they begin the process of building the nest, mating and raising the chicks.

Grey herons are also another 'early bird to catch the…' fish; reports of this species laying at the start of January have already come into the British Trust for Ornithology.

While these examples demonstrate birds' ability to respond to windows of opportunity, they are all anomalies.

The data collected by BTO volunteers for the Nest Record Scheme over the past 75 years tells us that the main robin breeding season kicks off towards the end of March, while most moorhens start to lay from the beginning of April onwards.

Grey herons are early breeders, but laying doesn't typically start until mid-February, with raven generally the next species to follow in any number, then tawny owl, collared dove and magpie at the very beginning of March.

Could this though be, as the BTO believe, an anomaly, or are we beginning to see a trend towards earlier and earlier breeding by many different species?

The main reason after all that birds race to breed so quickly is of course all about food and making the most out of spring warmth.

If climate change is warming their habitats more and more each year, perhaps we won't be calling these behaviours 'anomalies' for that much longer.

Either way it is vital to ensure that this monitoring is ongoing. So, if you're looking for a New Year's resolution that furthers your knowledge while also giving something back to the conservation effort, why not make 2015 your first year as a nest recorder? It might not make you feel so guilty about sitting and watching in the comfort of your home!

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The Brat Pack – oil on board – by Ben Waddams

County to get share of funds to ease flooding

SHROPSHIRE will get a share of £6 million in funding over the next six years to contribute towards flood defence schemes.

The money pledged by the Environment Agency's English Severn and Wye Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) will go towards projects such as the £1.2 million flood alleviation scheme in Much Wenlock and individual property level protection work at 55 homes across the county. Cash will also be spent on finding ways to slow the flow of debris into rivers such as planting woodlands.

It comes after the Government allocated Shropshire just £2.5 million of a £2 billion Grant in Aid pot to tackle funding in December. The Local Levy funds announced by the Environment Agency will support the Government funding.

Those behind the scheme claimed the funds provided by the RFCC in recent years had helped provisionally secure up to £15 million of national funding over the next six years. In each of the past two years, about £110,000 has been contributed by Shropshire as a county, with a similar amount of Local Levy funding being contributed in previous years.

The ongoing investment has helped deliver £7.1 million of flood defence schemes, including Frankwell and Coleham in Shrewsbury – which benefit properties and protect key roads at the Welsh and English bridges – and around the Shropshire and Wales border along the River Severn.

Shropshire Council has used £300,000 of this investment to deliver flood defence schemes which protect 77 properties.

Councillor Malcolm Price, RFCC member for Shropshire Council, said: "The schemes included on the indicative programme will bring real benefit to a large number of homes at risk of flooding across Shropshire.

"This is great news. We must now continue to work hard to deliver these schemes and identify new ones that may be able to attract further Local Levy and Government funding in the future."

Anthony Perry, area flood risk manager, said: "We are really pleased that this funding has been made available for capital projects and to assist communities with property protection schemes.

"This money will go a long way in making communities more resilient, and protecting them from the effects of flooding which we know can be devastating."

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A fall of recent snow has shown Chirk Castle in all its winter glory

Snowdrop walks offer great outing at castle

IT may be a bit chilly but a sprinkling of snow recently has shown Chirk Castle in all its winter glory.

The cold spell is likely to continue but bosses at the historic castle hope to see visitors come to the property over the next few weeks to enjoy a floral treat.

If you are brave enough to venture out snowdrops are already making an appearance in the grounds of the property.

And as it has one of the biggest gardens in the region Chirk Castle is celebrating the appearance of the snowdrops throughout February.

The National Trust at Chirk Castle is inviting visitors to chase away the winter blues with a walk around the castle's award-winning gardens, and see a carpet of delicate snowdrops in the Pleasure Ground Wood.

Report by Sue Austin

Visitors to the castle can take a break in the Woodsman's Hut at the property and enjoy the fire.

A spokesman for the National Trust said: "At weekends we are also serving hot chocolate from the hut, so people can get out of the cold and treat themselves to a warming drink.

"We hope people will wrap up warm and enjoy a bracing walk.

"At the moment there are thousands of delicate little snowdrops carpeting the Pleasure Ground Wood.

"Visitors can also explore the Medieval Tower and dungeon or warm themselves with homemade soup or a delicious slice of handbaked cake in the tearoom."

"Our gift and farm shops will also be open," the spokesman added.

The gardens cover 5.5 acres of manicured lawns, clipped yews, herbaceous borders, beautiful rose, shrub and rock gardens, and the wooded pleasure ground.

There is also the terrace overlooking the 18th century 'ha-ha' at the bottom of the garden.

The terrace offers some stunning views over the Cheshire and Shropshire plains. Chirk Castle has over 480 acres of estate parkland.

The parkland has wild ponies, sheep, veteran trees, and a beautifully preserved section of Offa's Dyke.

The estate is located within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has also been designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest as an important habitat for rare invertebrates, bats, fungi, and wild flowers.

Man carried out assaults after drinking

A MAN who described himself as an aggressive drunk attended a funeral wake and ended up punching another man three times.

Lee Thornton later went to the home of the bereaved to post a letter of apology. But when he was accused of stealing cash from the house, he returned with a gym dumbbell and assaulted another man, Mold Crown Court heard.

Thornton, 24, of Berwyn Mill Cottages, Llangollen, admitted two charges of common assault and possessing the dumbbell as an offensive weapon. He received a six-month prison sentence, suspended for 18 months, and was ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

The court heard the wake had been at The Aussie Rooster public house at Trevor in September. Thornton punched victim John Mathews three times, said prosecutor Emmalyne Downing. Thornton went home, wrote a letter of apology to Robert Edwards and his wife Hayley, whose father had died, and took it to their home in Glyn Ceiriog.

Mr Edwards later returned home, found the letter and discovered money had been taken. He thought the defendant had taken it and sent him a text. Thornton returned to Mr Edwards' home with the dumbbell. He pushed Mr Edwards back against a wall.

Henry Hills, defending, said that his client admitted being involved in the assault at the wake.

He was still drunk when he foolishly took the dumbbell with him to the house later after being wrongly accused of taking cash.

Review looks at early years plan

A REVIEW of early year's provision for children and families across Mid Wales will be carried out this summer.

Powys County Council said it is looking at how it can provide quality service to parents regardless of where they live.

Councillor Arwel Jones, cabinet member for education, said: "The council is looking to create a sustainable and equitable service across the county, ensuring that families receive a quality service regardless of where they live. The review will focus on three plus funded early years education provision, Flying Start childcare providers and settings used for the referral scheme as well as children's services placements.

"After consultation with providers, a full review of the early years provision will ensure that all funded providers have the necessary arrangements to deliver high quality early years provision which is sustainable, suitable and accessible for children and families accessing the service for future years.

"All providers and families who have an interest in early years provision in Powys are encouraged to attend the consultation meetings in their local area, and their valuable input and feedback is welcomed by the council in helping shape future services."

The council said it is contacting all current providers to inform them of the planned consultation and to answer any questions they may have.

Subway coming

SANDWICH chain Subway will open a new outlet in Chirk later this year.

The food giant has named its locations across north Wales where it is scheduled to open new stores in 2015.

The firm said these will be mainly outlets within current convenience stores.

Cheryl Hensley, Wales development agent for Subway, said: "There are a number of new Subway store locations due to open in north Wales this year."

It is not yet known how many jobs will be created at the new outlet in Chirk.

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Match of the Day
10.30pm
Highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, featuring Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal at White Hart Lane and Everton v Liverpool at Goodison Park. Plus, action from Aston Villa v Chelsea, Leicester City v Crystal Palace, Manchester City v Hull City, Queens Park Rangers v Southampton and Swansea City v Sunderland.

Britain's Tudor Treasure: A Night at Hampton Court
7.35pm
Lucy Worsley and David Starkey present a recreation of the christening service of Henry VIII's son and heir Edward on October 15, 1537. The two historians reveal how Henry's household came together for an occasion that used every part of Hampton Court Palace.

The Jonathan Ross Show
9.20pm
The host is joined by the nation's favourite polymath, Stephen Fry, for his first TV interview since his wedding to Elliott Spencer. Also on the sofa are former England cricket captain Andrew 'Freddie' Flintoff, who now plays for Brisbane Heat, and comedy actor Kevin Hart, ahead of his new film The Wedding Ringer.

The Big Bang Theory
5.00pm
The friends compete in a scavenger hunt designed by Raj to test their scientific knowledge and life skills. As the hunt progresses, Howard and Amy begin to bond over their shared musical tastes, while Penny and Sheldon work together as a team and Bernadette becomes fiercely competitive.

NCIS
9.20pm
A suspect dies while being restrained by Ziva, who finds herself accused of using undue force and becomes the subject of an internal investigation. To make matters worse, Jenny is kidnapped by the dead man's brother, who demands a consignment of impounded heroin in exchange for her release.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Guest presenters Cyrus Todiwala and Tony Singh take over hosting duties, with help from chef Daniel Galmiche. Plus, Susie Barrie chooses the wine to match the dishes. A Cook Abroad: Tony Singh's India, Monday, BBC2, 9pm.
11.30 **James Martin: Home Comforts.** The chef uses a selection of fragrant herbs and spices, including basil and lavender, as he creates dishes infused with fresh, vibrant flavours.
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.10 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's fixtures, which include Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal and Everton v Liverpool.
12.50 **Saturday Sportsday.** A look ahead at the day's events.
1.00 **Bargain Hunt.** The team visits Saltram House in Devon to investigate a previous owner's passion for gaming, and discovers a writing slope and a ceramic swan at a Topsham antiques centre. (R)
2.00 **Live Six Nations Rugby Union.** Italy v Ireland (Kick-off 2.30pm). Jason Mohammad presents coverage of the fixture at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome, as the opening round of the championship continues.
4.30 **Live Six Nations Rugby Union.** France v Scotland (Kick-off 5.00pm). Gabby Logan introduces coverage of the final match of the opening weekend of the tournament, staged at the Stade de France, Paris.
6.55 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
7.15 **The Voice UK.** Emma Willis and Marvin Humes present the spinning-chair singing contest, in which coaches Tom Jones, Will.i.am, Ricky Wilson and Rita Ora seek out the nation's best vocal talent.
8.35 **The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List.** Shane Richie hosts the game show in which two contestants answer questions to win each other's dream prizes. Including the lottery draws.
9.25 **Casualty.** Rita fights for a soldier's reputation, Connie gives the staff a pep talk and a computer hacker tries to spread a little happiness – only to end up in hospital.
10.15 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, featuring Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal at White Hart Lane and Everton v Liverpool at Goodison Park; **National Lottery Update.**
12.00 **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Sheffield Wednesday v Cardiff City.
1.20 FILM: **Highlander: Endgame (2000).** An immortal warrior enlists the aid of a fellow clansman in opposing an enemy who has been seeking revenge for centuries. Fantasy sequel, with Christopher Lambert and Adrian Paul.
2.50 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
2.55 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.20 FILM: **War and Peace (1956).** Three Russian aristocrats endure a series of tumultuous events as Napoleon invades their country. Historical drama based on Leo Tolstoy's novel, with Audrey Hepburn and Henry Fonda.
9.40 **Fred Dibnah's Age of Steam.** (R)
10.10 **British Isles: A Natural History.** (R)
11.00 **Six Nations Rewind.** New series. Archive rugby union highlights.
12.00 **James Martin: Home Comforts.** The chef cooks warming winter food. (R)
12.45 **Food & Drink.** Tom Kerridge and guest Angela Hartnett discuss how to make high-quality food on a tight budget. (R)
1.15 **Jack Lemmon: Talking Pictures.** The television appearances made over the years by the actor.
2.00 FILM: **Cowboy (1958).** A Chicago hotel clerk persuades a cowboy to take him along on a cattle drive, but is unprepared for the hardships of life on the trail. Western, starring Jack Lemmon and Glenn Ford.
3.30 **Escape to the Country.** Searching for properties in rural Suffolk. (R)
4.30 **Final Score.** A round-up of this afternoon's football results.
5.15 **Horrible Histories: Magna Carta Special.** The team turns its attention to King John and the Magna Carta.
5.45 **The Great British Sewing Bee.** Ten people compete to be crowned Britain's best amateur sewer. (R)
6.45 **Flog It!** Experts Thomas Plant and Michael Baggott are in Edinburgh, where items brought in by locals include a small ivory trinket box and an example of Monart.
7.35 **Britain's Tudor Treasure: A Night at Hampton Court.** Historians Lucy Worsley and David Starkey present a recreation of the christening service of Henry VIII's son Edward on October 15, 1537. (R)
8.35 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring's platoon tries to raise money for the local Spitfire fund by having a bash at morris dancing. Classic comedy first broadcast in 1974, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)
9.05 **QI XL.** Extended edition. Ross Noble, Kathy Lette, Sue Perkins and Alan Davies attempt to answer host Stephen Fry's range of fiendish questions on the topic of ladies and gents.
9.50 FILM: **Broken (2012).** Premiere. An 11-year-old girl witnesses a man being attacked by her neighbour, which destroys her innocent outlook on life. Drama, with Eloise Laurence, Tim Roth and Cillian Murphy.
11.15 FILM: **Seven Years in Tibet (1997).** An arrogant Austrian mountaineer forms a friendship with the 14-year-old Dalai Lama, and learns the meaning of inner peace. Fact-based drama, starring Brad Pitt and David Thewlis.
1.25 FILM: **Glory Road (2006).** A basketball coach takes over a college team in 1960s Texas, but his decision to recruit black players causes uproar. Fact-based drama, with Josh Lucas, Jon Voight and Derek Luke.
3.15 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Bottom Knocker Street **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street **6.35** Dino Dan **6.45** Dino Dan **7.00** Canimals **7.10** Sooty **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story
7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 **Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters.** Animated comedy. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
8.30 **Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.** Cartoon about a mischievous youngster. (R)
8.50 **Scrambled!: Hulk and the Agents of Smash.** Animation based on the superhero character.
9.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
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12.30 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.35 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
1.40 **The Undriveables.** An aspiring white-van man and a sumo-wrestling champion. Last in the series. (R)
2.05 **The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
3.05 **Doc Martin.** PC Penhale's older brother arrives in the village. (R)
4.10 **Big Star's Little Star.** With David Dickinson, Samantha Womack and Michael Owen. (R)
5.05 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
5.30 **You've Been Framed! Strikes Back!** Harry Hill's most off-the-wall observations inspired by viewers' home videos. (R)
6.30 **Harry Hill's Stars in Their Eyes.** Five members of the public impersonate their favourite pop stars as they battle it out for the last place in next week's final of the talent show.
7.30 **Planet's Got Talent.** Featuring a man who jumps into paddling pools from incredible heights, a parrot that speaks fluent English, and one of the most dangerous acts ever seen on the show.
8.05 **Take Me Out.** Lifeguard Liam, barista Jonathon, hairdresser Nick and bagpiper Glenn vie for the attentions of 30 single women, intent on securing a date. Paddy McGuinness hosts.
9.20 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined by Stephen Fry, for his first TV interview since his wedding, former England cricket captain Andrew Flintoff and comedy actor Kevin Hart.
10.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.35 FILM: **Hard Target (1993).** An out-of-work merchant sailor investigates sadistic hunters who stalk human prey in New Orleans. John Woo's action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Yancy Butler.
12.20 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R)
3.40 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.05 **Trans World Sport.** A look back at the career of Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards.
7.00 **Cycling: Revolution Series.** Action from the fourth round of the series in Glasgow.
7.55 **The Morning Line.** Racing preview from Newbury.
9.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray has a brush with death. (R)
9.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Pilot episode of the comedy series, starring Ray Romano. (R)
10.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra feels neglected. (R)
10.30 **Frasier.** Niles and Daphne get married. (R)
11.00 **Frasier.** A car park attendant antagonises Frasier. (R)
11.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Penny's dad pays a visit. (R)
12.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Amy is attracted to one of Penny's former boyfriends. (R)
12.30 **Child Genius.** The gifted youngsters tackle advanced maths and memory recall. (R)
1.30 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Newbury and Warwick.
4.00 **Come Dine with Me.** A week of dinner parties in Middlesbrough. (R)
5.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** The friends compete in a scavenger hunt. (R)
5.30 **The Simpsons.** Bart decides he wants a little brother. (R)
6.00 **The Simpsons.** Bart goes to work as a comedian in a burlesque theatre and proves a hit with its clientele – until Marge turns up with an angry mob in tow and tries to demolish the place. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Our Guy in India.** Part one of two. Guy Martin takes a 1,000-mile journey across India to compete in a motorcycle race, introducing viewers to a rarely seen side of the country along the way. (R)
8.00 **The World's Weirdest Weather.** Lake Erie turns pea green, a New Zealand man finds eels swimming in his street, a mudslide roars through an Austrian village and a photographer captures images of a moustache cloud.
9.00 FILM: **American Reunion (2012).** Premiere. Old friends attending a high-school reunion make disastrous attempts to relive their teens. Comedy sequel to the American Pie movies, with Jason Biggs and Alyson Hannigan.
11.15 FILM: **Panic Room (2002).** A mother and daughter become trapped in a specially constructed sealed room when burglars break into their home and refuse to leave. Thriller, with Jodie Foster and Kristen Stewart.
1.20 FILM: **Earthquake (1974).** Residents of Los Angeles face a fight for survival after the city is struck by a devastating earthquake. Disaster movie, starring Charlton Heston, Ava Gardner and Genevieve Bujold. Edited for violence.
3.25 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Nancy's family has to suffer the fallout of her pill addiction, while Dylan suggests Nico skip school with him. (R)
5.25 **A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.** Properties in Kent and Spain. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Roary the Racing Car **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Pip Ahoy! **6.40** The Mr Men Show **6.55** Chloe's Closet **7.10** Olly the Little White Van **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas **7.30** Make Way for Noddy **7.45** Paw Patrol **8.00** Little Princess **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky **8.30** Wanda and the Alien **8.35** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures **8.40** Zack and Quack **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.15** Jelly Jamm **9.30** LazyTown
10.00 **SpongeBob SquarePants.**
10.35 **Access.**
10.40 **Ice Road Truckers.** (R)
11.40 **Ice Road Truckers.** (R)
12.35 **Ice Road Truckers.** Rick is forced to reverse down a treacherously icy road. (R)
1.35 **Ice Road Truckers.** Hugh and Rick transport prefabricated sections of a new airport building. (R)
2.35 FILM: **U-571 (2000).** Second World War adventure, starring Matthew McConaughey.
4.45 FILM: **Columbo: Murder in Malibu (1990).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk.
6.35 **5 News Weekend.**
6.40 **NCIS.** The team is called to a high school on a Marine base, where a pupil has taken his classmates hostage and is threatening to detonate a bomb strapped to his chest. Mark Harmon stars. (R)
7.25 **NCIS.** A missing marine's body is discovered in a frozen lake – and the corpses of three bullet-riddled gang members are found beneath the ice as the team searches the water for clues. (R)
8.20 **NCIS.** Gibbs is assigned to examine the apparent suicide of a Pentagon cryptographer suspected of spying, but it emerges she may not have been alone at the time of her death. (R)
9.20 **NCIS.** A suspect dies while being restrained by Ziva, who finds herself accused of using undue force and becomes the subject of an internal investigation. Drama, starring Cote de Pablo. (R)
10.15 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** The team works with the CDC to contain a deadly outbreak in Las Vegas when Sara and Greg are quarantined after responding to a crime scene contaminated with a lethal virus.
11.10 **Law & Order.** A pregnant security guard is injured when a package explodes at a scientific research lab, prompting Green and Lupo to look at a chemist's latest experiments. Previously seen on 5USA.
12.10 **SuperCasino.**
3.10 **10,000 BC.** (R)
4.00 **House Doctor.** (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.15 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.20 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.30 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

Animals in Love

6pm

In the second of two programmes about relationships in the wild, Liz Bonnin explores the ways in which animals get together. She observes a form of extreme flirting in a troop of capuchin monkeys in South America, which sees the females go to extraordinary lengths to attract the alpha male.

Dragons' Den

9pm

An actress pitches her idea for giving high heels a new lease of life, while a Yorkshire duo decide to set out a market stall to trade in the Den. The Dragons are also faced with five eco-friendly coffins and get to grips with a sleek new take on the electric toothbrush.

Get Your Act Together

7pm

Steps singer Claire Richards, former Coronation Street star Oliver Mellor, ex-politician Ann Widdecombe, TOWIE's Elliott Wright and TV personality Nancy Dell'Olio strut their stuff. Host Stephen Mulhern follows the rehearsals leading up to the contestants' big performances.

The Hotel

8pm

Mark wants to make the Cavendish more child-friendly and thinks a family fun day will help. He asks general manager James to take charge of the event, hoping the task will make him more decisive in his role, but with Hurricane Bertha on the horizon, boss Vicky suggests they cancel.

Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge

12.20pm

Robson Green travels to South Australia, where he competes against a foul-mouthed angler in an all-species challenge in Marion Bay, Tasmania. He then squares up to a former boxing champion at a crayfish contest in Whyalla.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
7.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes. (R)
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 The Big Questions. Nicky Campbell presents moral and religious discussions on topical issues live from King Edward VI School in Southampton.
11.00 Sunday Politics. The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 MOTD2 Extra. Mark Chapman presents football discussion with the Match of the Day team, focusing on the headlines from yesterday's matches and news ahead of today's fixtures.
1.00 BBC News; Weather.
1.15 Bargain Hunt. Tim Wonnacott visits Builth Wells in Powys, where he challenges two teams to pick up bargains at the antiques fair at the Royal Welsh Showground. (R)
2.15 Escape to the Country. A creative couple who want to relocate to the Cumbrian fells. (R)
3.00 Eat Well for Less? Gregg Wallace and Chris Bavin help families lower their food shopping bills, continuing with a family from Stratford-upon-Avon whose weekly spend is out of control. (R)
4.00 Your Home in Their Hands. Ceila Sawyer presents as amateur interior designers transform two homes, including a pair of teachers who are struggling to make their flat suitable for a young couple.
5.00 Songs of Praise. Aled Jones examines the adopted FA Cup anthem Abide with Me.
5.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.00 Animals in Love. Part two of two. How animals attract a mate, from female capuchin monkeys flirting with the alpha male to the orang-utan that chooses its partner in a very 21st-century way.
7.00 Countryfile. The decline of birds in Leicestershire and Rutland, revealing how farmers and volunteers are trying to encourage them back onto the land and restore their habitat. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Call the Midwife. Sister Winifred makes it her mission to promote safe sex among the local prostitute population. Sister Monica Joan feels sidelined, while Trixie and Tom argue over their future.
9.00 The British Academy Film Awards. Stephen Fry hosts the Bafta ceremony live from the Royal Opera House, where The Grand Budapest Hotel, Birdman, The Theory of Everything and The Imitation Game lead the nominations.
11.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
11.30 The Apprentice USA. The celebrity candidates have to create a promotional display for a famous brand of suntan lotion.
12.50 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.55 BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 Great British Garden Revival. Rhododendrons and carnations. (R)
7.20 Glorious Gardens from Above. Christine Walkden visits the gardens of Staffordshire. (R)
8.05 Countryfile. A visit to West Yorkshire. (R)
9.00 The Football League Show. Highlights of the latest games in the Championship, League One and League Two. (R)
10.20 Six Nations Rewind. Archive rugby union highlights.
11.20 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Highlights of the series.
12.50 James Martin: Home Comforts. Recipes for a Sunday brunch. (R)
1.20 Food & Drink. The benefits of healthy food, with guest Cyrus Todiwala. (R)
1.50 FILM: The Mouse That Roared (1959). Comedy, starring Peter Sellers.
3.15 Open All Hours. The milkwoman makes a pass at Granville. (R)
3.45 To the Manor Born. Audrey takes a holiday. (R)
4.15 Hi-de-Hi! Ted cons some unsuspecting campers. (R)
4.45 Flog It! Trade Secrets. The team explores Britain's relationship with the seaside and souvenirs.
5.15 Alaska – Earth's Frozen Kingdom. Documentary following a year in the life of the American state, beginning with spring. (R)
6.15 Ski Sunday. Graham Bell and Ed Leigh present from the alpine skiing World Championships in Vail/Beaver Creek, Colorado, featuring the men's and women's downhill races.
7.00 The Motorway: Life in the Fast Lane. Documentary series charting life on and around the M6, as Highways Agency teams prepare for one of the stormiest winters on record and a workforce renovates Spaghetti Junction. (R)
8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May attempt to improve the ambulance, with each enhancing the one area they think could do with an overhaul.
9.00 Dragons' Den. Ideas pitched include an idea for giving high heels a new lease of life, eco-friendly coffins, a sleek new take on the electric toothbrush and an online shopping service for men.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman introduces the latest Premier League matches, featuring West Ham United v Manchester United, Burnley v West Bromwich Albion and Newcastle United v Stoke City.
11.15 FILM: Disconnect (2012). Premiere. The complex lives of several strangers are made far more problematic by the technology they use to communicate. Ensemble drama, starring Jason Bateman and Hope Davis.
1.05 FILM: Savage Grace (2007). Fact-based drama, starring Julianne Moore.
2.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R)
3.25 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R)
4.25 This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street **6.35** Dino Dan **6.45** Dino Dan **7.00** Canimals **7.10** Sooty **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story
7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled! Two hours of children's fun.
7.35 Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. Animated comedy. (R)
7.50 Scrambled!: Ultimate Spider-Man. Superhero adventures.
8.30 Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. Cartoon about a mischievous youngster. (R)
8.50 Scrambled!: Deadtime Stories. Chilling tales for younger viewers. (R)
9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)
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12.30 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
12.40 Harry Hill's Stars in Their Eyes. Five contestants battle it out for the last place in next week's final. (R)
1.40 Off Their Rockers. Senior citizens play pranks on the public. (R)
2.10 Mel & Sue's Best Bits. Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins present highlights from this week's shows.
3.15 Tipping Point. Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
4.15 FILM: Moonraker (1979). James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore.
6.35 ITV News Central; Weather.
6.45 ITV News and Weather.
7.00 Get Your Act Together. Steps singer Claire Richards, former Coronation Street star Oliver Mellor, ex-politician Ann Widdecombe, TOWIE's Elliott Wright and TV personality Nancy Dell'Olio strut their stuff.
8.15 All Star Family Fortunes. Benidorm actress Crissy Rock (Janey) and Ian "H" Watkins from Steps team up with their families in an attempt to win a jackpot of £30,000 for charity. Vernon Kay hosts.
9.00 Mr Selfridge. Harry pushes ahead with plans for the Selfridge Estate, aiming to buy a field at auction, but an unexpected rival bidder poses a threat. Miss Mardle makes her mark in fashion.
10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.15 Perspectives: Lenny Henry – Finding Shakespeare. The comedian charts his changing relationship with the Bard, from finding his works boring as a child to starring in productions of Othello and The Comedy of Errors. (R)
11.15 LV= Cup Rugby Union. Action from the concluding pool matches, which included Cardiff Blues v Leicester, Bath v Ospreys and Northampton Saints v Wasps.
12.15 The Store. Home shopping.
2.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. The host takes his successful talk show stateside. (R)
3.15 ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

6.20 NFL: Rush Zone. Animation about a young American football fan.
6.45 How I Met Your Mother. Barney pretends to be married. (R)
7.10 How I Met Your Mother. Ted meets a former girlfriend. (R)
7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray's Aunt Alda rekindles a family feud. (R)
8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray and Debra take IQ tests. (R)
8.30 Frasier. The shrink runs for condominium president. (R)
9.00 Frasier. Roz's cousin visits Seattle. (R)
9.30 Sunday Brunch. With Ray Mears, Sharleen Spiteri, DJ Fresh and Ella Eyre.
12.30 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. Ellie Goulding gives a burger a vegan twist. (R)
1.30 The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon becomes terrified of getting his hair cut. (R)
2.00 The Big Bang Theory. Amy is disappointed by Sheldon. (R)
2.25 The Big Bang Theory. Penny buys Leonard and Sheldon some Star Trek memorabilia. (R)
2.55 The Simpsons. Lisa develops a crush on a teacher. (R)
3.25 FILM: Marmaduke (2010). Comedy, starring Lee Pace.
5.10 Channel 4 News.
5.30 FILM: Ice Age (2002). Animated adventure, with the voice of John Leguizamo.
7.00 The Jump. Davina McCall presents the semi-final, as the six remaining celebrities compete in high-speed, head-to-head snowboarding races negotiating the steep banks of a slalom tunnel. Concludes tomorrow at 8pm.
8.00 The Hotel. Mark wants to make the Cavendish more child-friendly and asks general manager James to take charge of a family fun day, hoping the task will make him more decisive in his role.
9.00 Our Guy in India. Part two of two. Guy Martin climbs to the top of India's tallest building, visits a slum and experiences the arrival of the monsoons on his way to compete in Rider Mania.
10.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson are joined by Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, while Jack Whitehall is in Dictionary Corner with Susie Dent. Jimmy Carr hosts. (R)
11.05 FILM: Patriot Games (1992). A former CIA agent prevents an assassination attempt by an IRA splinter group, but one of the terrorists swears revenge on him. Thriller, starring Harrison Ford and Sean Bean.
1.10 The Last Leg. With Episodes star Stephen Mangan. (R)
2.05 Come Dine with Me. (R)
2.30 Come Dine with Me. (R)
2.55 Come Dine with Me. (R)
3.20 Come Dine with Me. (R)
3.45 Come Dine with Me. (R)
4.10 Kirstie's Best of Both Worlds. Busy professionals who want a home near London. (R)
5.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig **6.05** Roary the Racing Car **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Pip Ahoy! **6.40** The Mr Men Show **6.55** Chloe's Closet **7.10** Olly the Little White Van **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas **7.30** Make Way for Noddy **7.40** Paw Patrol **7.55** Little Princess **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky **8.20** Wanda and the Alien **8.30** Zack and Quack **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.55** Jelly Jamm **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus **9.25** LazyTown
9.55 SpongeBob SquarePants. Double bill. SpongeBob tries to be normal.
10.30 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. Robson Green heads to Hawaii. (R)
11.25 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. Robson Green heads to South Africa. (R)
12.20 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. Robson Green heads to South Australia. (R)
1.20 FILM: It Could Happen to You (1994). Romantic comedy, with Nicolas Cage and Bridget Fonda.
3.15 FILM: Over Her Dead Body (2008). Supernatural romantic comedy, starring Eva Longoria and Paul Rudd.
4.55 5 News Weekend.
5.00 FILM: What to Expect When You're Expecting (2012). Comedy drama, starring Cameron Diaz.
6.55 FILM: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005). An FBI public relations officer defies orders and goes back undercover to find her kidnapped friends. Comedy sequel, starring Sandra Bullock, Regina King and William Shatner. Edited for violence.
9.00 FILM: The Bounty Hunter (2010). Premiere. A bail enforcement agent is assigned to track down his own ex-wife, a reporter investigating a murder cover-up. Action comedy, with Gerard Butler and Jennifer Aniston.
11.20 FILM: Zack and Miri Make a Porno (2008). Two friends decide to shoot a porn film, but find having sex for the cameras makes them rethink their feelings for each other. Comedy, starring Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks.
1.15 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 10 Most Annoying Things About 1999. Robert Webb narrates this guide to 1999. Last in the series. (R)
4.00 House Doctor. A property in Spennymoor, Co Durham. (R)
4.25 Make It Big. The office furniture gets broken. (R)
4.50 Make It Big. Concern arises over one of the office fish. (R)
5.15 Angels of Jarm. Mick and Ellie help to resolve a squabble. (R)
5.20 Angels of Jarm. Ephraim is accused of taking things. (R)
5.30 Angels of Jarm. Angel Rafe teaches Wendy that some things happen for a reason. (R)
5.40 Roary the Racing Car. Flash grows tired of the constant roar of engines. (R)

Making Friends

Women seeking men

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NICKY lonely single mum with GSOH, honest and very loving seeking trustworthy, cuddly, tactile male who can make all my dreams come true. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 406523**

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel No: 0905 002 1883 Box No: 413399**

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ANNE, mid 40's, cheerful busty cuvy affectionate real woman! Seeks gent, any age or looks for nights at mine. **Tel No: 0905 002 1953 Box No: 410291**

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DISCREET lady, 42yrs wants to make you happy, come to me and let me do that for you. ACA. **Tel No: 0905 002 1957 Box No: 409901**

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ALISON, 27 busty, shapely lady seeks fun only with broad minded man. Aca. **Tel No: 0905 002 1961 Box 416073**

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 329319**

JANET, 36yrs Scottish lady, too shy to go out but loves to chat from home. Will answer all texts. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627442**

NAT easygoing pretty, honest 24yrs, enjoys cosy nights in, romantic walks, holidaying, keeping fit, WLTM fun, loving, energetic male, looks/age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 406117**

MELANIE, sophisticated solvent brunette wltm working man of any age, im 32yrs. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627443**

SUSAN 34 attractive looking to find that special connection with a nice guy who would enjoy spending good times with me and share new interests. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 406109**

LINDY, new to area, hoping to meet kind many of any age, looks unimportant. Im 43yrs blonde and petite. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627444**

BLONDE attractive educated lady 50, young minded, seeks professional tall male, 45-55 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 391818**

PAMELA, married to boring man! Text only for fun phone frolics. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624149**

SINGLE female, 43, seeks kind, considerate male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 406449**

JULIA, seeks fifty shades of grey! You should be strong minded and seeking fun. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627445**

PAULINE 36 intelligent easygoing female with GSOH looking for nice guy who wants to get know and connect with me, enjoys meals in/out, music and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 406373**

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DONNA 42yrs young separated female who is ready to start dating again, bubbly, attractive, blonde and raring to get going, come on don't keep me waiting! **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 406341**

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SLIM brunette 36yrs hoping to meet older gent for friendship, fun, maybe more. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624146**

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PAMMY 42yrs, recently divorced and fancies becoming a "cougar". **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624148**

NEW to dating and a little nervous, Susan very attractive 30yr old curvy single mum, looking for fun times with similar outgoing male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 405809**

SARAH 24, brunette, brown eyes, attractive, slim, smart, seeks male with GSOH, 30's in Kidderminster area for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 406139**

YOUNG looking, pretty female, 40, brunette, slim, no ties, N/S, seeks attractive, refined male for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 313115**

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Men seeking women

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MALE seeking female, 40-55, discretion assured, status unimportant for daytime meets. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 406433**

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58YR old male, likes nights in/out, looking for N/S female, 40-60 for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 405975**

JOSEPH 40 tall, GSOH, seeks female, 26-48 for fun and relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 394103**

DAVE genuine guy, 6ft, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gardening, music, seeks female with GSOH and genuine. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 388372**

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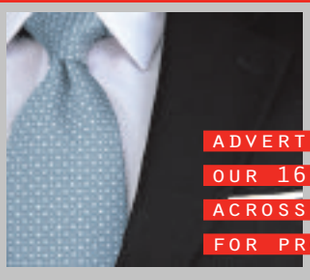

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The findings are the result of new research released today by Go Ultra Low, a joint initiative by the Government and the UK automotive industry.

According to the research, around 11.5 million motorists could benefit from the lowest cost, tax-free motoring by switching to pure electric vehicles, because in a typical year they don't drive further than 80 miles in a single trip.

Millions more could benefit from other ULEVs, which can travel between 150 and 700 miles between charges thanks to range-boosting petrol and diesel assistance.

The Go Ultra Low research shows that 70 percent of car owners are planning to change their car within the next four years, while three in ten say they have considered purchasing a ULEV. Two thirds of motorists under the age of 24 have considered a ULEV compared to just a quarter of drivers over 55.

The survey also reveals that the majority of motorists still don't fully understand how electrically-powered vehicles work and believe outdated myths across a number of topics, from range and charging to cost and practicality.

The survey discovered that a quarter of motorists misunderstand the range capabilities of ULEVs, with 16 percent believing electric vehicles are unable to travel 50 miles without recharging.

Yet the research also shows that more than a third of drivers said the furthest they drove in a single journey during 2014 was 80 miles or less.

With pure-electric vehicles able to travel up to 100 miles on a single charge and other plug-in ULEVs boasting up to 700 miles' range, the survey's authors claim electrically-powered cars are a viable, low-cost option for millions of motorists.

Go Ultra Low is a campaign to help motorists understand the benefits, cost savings and capabilities of the raft of new ultra-low emission vehicles on the market.

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This year Vauxhall is celebrating the 25th anniversary of one of its most famous and dramatic models, the Lotus Carlton, which started a long tradition of Griffin-badged performance saloons that still survives today.

The Lotus Carlton was the fastest four-door saloon in the world when it was launched in 1989, 65 years after Vauxhall produced Britain's first 100mph road car.

With 377bhp from its twin-turbocharged engine, the Carlton (pictured above) could achieve the 0-62 sprint in 4.9 seconds and would go on to a top speed of 176mph.

Its chassis was developed by Lotus, resulting in a car with the handling capabilities and top speed to keep up with the finest supercars of the day.

A total of 440 Lotus Carltons were produced from 1989 to 1994 as a joint project between Vauxhall and Lotus, with each car costing £48,000.

Commenting on the iconic car, Stuart Harris, current head of carline brand at Vauxhall, said: "Everyone at the time said it was completely inappropriate for a manufacturer like Vauxhall to launch a 176mph car.

"It was better than the competition in every conceivable way and will go down as one of the most iconic Vauxhalls of all time. It was landmark product for Vauxhall, which to this day is still much loved.

"It introduced the brand to people who would not have considered driving a Vauxhall before. The car put a question mark in people's heads and got them talking – just like the cars in today's VXR range do."

After the Lotus Carlton there were talks of a successor, but the project did not go ahead, meaning the 3.0-litre quad-cam engined Omega produced from 1993 to 1997 became the final large performance saloon for Vauxhall through the rest of the 1990s.

By the early 2000s, though, large performance cars were firmly back on Vauxhall's agenda thanks to the all-new VXR range.

In 2007, it spawned the 420PS VXR8 saloon, based on sister-company Holden's Clubsport R8.

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F21 116i Sport 3-door Sports Hatch	Mineral White metallic	Anthracite/Red Track cloth upholstery	14 Plate	3568	£17,450	£3,500	Complimentary Service Inclusive Package
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Quigley on target again as TNS turn the screw

The New Saints 3 Carmarthen Town 0

SCOTT Quigley again led the way as The New Saints tightened their grip at the top of the Welsh Premier with victory at a blustery Park Hall.

Fresh from his two goals in the Saints' Word Cup triumph, the 22-year-old forward again broke the deadlock with a deflected strike following a strong run five minutes into the second half.

Up until then, it had been a frustrating night for the Saints who had been unable to find a way through a competitive Carmarthen side battling for a top six place.

With the hosts taking charge, Sam Finley and Adrian Cieslewicz both went close to extending the lead in the second half before Cieslewicz set up Jamie Reed to add a second in the 70th minute on his full league debut.

Substitute Greg Draper then struck in injury time with Cieslewicz again the provider to seal a victory that stretched the leaders' unbeaten run.

Convincing

Boss Craig Harrison admitted his side were not at their best despite ultimately running out convincing winners.

"I don't think it was the best we've played this season, we could have passed the ball better, but you can't always play well, it's just about making sure you win games," he said.

"It's always dangerous playing teams who come here with nothing to lose, keeper Paul Harrison had to make one fantastic save, and they looked dangerous on the counter attack.

"But once we got the first goal, the game was never in doubt in my mind."

The Saints had been held in check in a goalless first half, Reed having an effort palmed away by keeper Lee Idzi while Chris Marriott also went close with a couple of efforts, one being cleared off the line.

Quigley also had a shot saved, but the Old Gold almost took the lead when Chris Ham's headed effort brought a terrific save from keeper Paul Harrison following a Sacha Walters free kick.

Defeat for Carmarthen means that they missed out on a spot in the top six, their place going to Newtown.

Maldwyn Harriers men with their team trophy (from left): Chris Atherton; Sean Clarke; Tim Davies; Dan George and Dan Owen

Double delight for Davies

MALDWYN Harrier Tim Davies had two reasons to celebrate after being crowned both overall and senior men's champion following his fourth win in as many races in the Herefordshire Cross-Country Winter League.

Davies was again dominant in the individual race at Nash Woods, Presteigne, as he led Maldwyn Harriers men's A team of Chris Atherton, Ed Davies and Martin Copus to a second place finish – a performance which also assured them of second place in the series team championship in their debut season.

Veteran coach Chris Copus took third place in the Men's over 60 age group.

Rachel Butler was Maldwyn's first woman home although Helen Owen was given the same time as they crossed the line together.

Rachel Williams completed the scoring for Maldwyn women's A team who finished in eighth place overall in the series.

A club spokesperson said: "Maldwyn Harriers' first year of competition in the Herefordshire League has been a tremendous success thanks to a huge and enthusiastic turnout of runners, both men and women.

"To have won three awards at our first attempt is more than we could have expected at the start of the season.

"We would like to thank all the Harriers who ran and who supported us during the season and also the other clubs and the league organisers for putting together a series of challenging but enjoyable races."

Maldwyn Harriers' club championship season begins on Saturday March 7 at the Rhayader "Round the Lakes" five and 20 mile road races with Ed Davies and Hannah Owen hoping to defend their championship titles.

The Harriers' Summer Race Series will then commence on Good Friday, April 3 with the traditional Chocoholics 5k road race and Fun Run from Maldwyn Leisure Centre with entries open to everyone.

Six of the best maintains New Saints' push for title

The New Saints 6 Port Talbot 0

THE Saints heaped more misery on Port Talbot after maintaining their relentless march at the top of the Welsh Premier with an emphatic six-goal victory in the first game of the second phase

The Steelmen have endured some torrid times on their travels to Park Hall in recent encounters, conceding 18 goals and scoring none in their previous four visits. And it proved another bleak afternoon for the visitors from south Wales as the Saints underlined their title credentials by maintaining their unbeaten form with the minimum of fuss.

After top scorer Greg Draper had opened the scoring early on, Scott Quigley netted twice more before the break to take his tally to five in the last three games.

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Three more goals in the last 11 minutes of the second half sealed an emphatic win, with Connell Rawlinson and sub Jamie Mullan both finding the net, before Draper rounded things off with his second.

It was an impressive start to the second phase of the season for the undoubted title favourites who, now unbeaten in their 28 outings in all competitions this season, remain 14 points clear at the top.

The Saints never looked back after going in front after seven minutes when a fine pass from Matty Williams released Draper who rounded keeper Conah McFenton to slot in.

That advantage was doubled eight minutes later when Aeron Edwards' pass from the left found the in-form front runner Quigley who drove a fierce low strike into the net from 22 yards.

The strong running Quigley added his second nine minutes before the break to extend the lead further, producing a neat finish from a tight angle after excellent work down the left flank from Jamie Reed.

Moments before, the Saints had been forced into change with the injured Matty Williams being replaced by Jamie Mullan

Port Talbot rarely threatened, although Luke Bowen did force keeper Paul Harrison into a save before half time. However, it was the Saints who proved the greater threat, with Kai Edwards and Quigley both being denied before half time.

The high flying hosts were soon on the attack again in the second period with Aeron Edwards put through on goal by Mullan's through ball but his shot was well stopped by McFenton.

Quigley went close to his hat-trick, crashing one shot over the bar while another effort was held low down by the keeper, while Mullan fired wide from 20 yards.

However, the fourth goal duly arrived in the 79th minute when defender Rawlinson converted from close range following an Adrian Cieslewicz corner from the left after the Steelmen had failed to clear.

Two minutes alter later it was five when substitute Mullan smashed the ball home when latching onto a Kai Edwards pass before Draper made it six with the final kick of the game, his 13th league goal.

■ Full-back Ryan Pryce has been selected to represent England Schoolboys at the under-18 age group, his first game being against Australian Schoolboys last night.

Pryce, who represented Walford & North Shropshire College, has impressed playing for the Saints this season.

Guils close gap after gritty win

GUILSFIELD made up ground on the Cymru Alliance leaders after battling to a hard-fought 2-1 win at windswept Conwy Borough.

With high-flying Llandudno having their trip to Penycae postponed, and Caernarfon held 2-2 at Buckley, it proved a good weekend for Mike Parry's side.

Victory means the Guils are now eight points adrift of Llandudno, with a game in hand.

They had fallen behind right on half-time through Leon Williams, but, with the strong wind at their backs in the second period, they rallied courtesy of fine strikes from Andy Ford (60) and Chris Cathrall (79).

Former Welshpool forward Jamie Breese was among the goals with a hat-trick as Llanidloes Town maintained their revival with a 4-2 victory over Rhydymwyn at Victoria Avenue.

Will bags a hat-trick – but not enough for win

WILL Pritchard plundered a hat-trick to help Waterloo Rovers earn a 3-3 draw at Carno in a fluctuating encounter in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

Rovers had trailed 2-0 to a brace from Peter Rees, before Pritchard struck either side of the interval to level matters.

He then completed his treble to put the visitors ahead for the first time midway through the second half before Ashley Owen earned parity with a free kick 10 minutes from time.

Unbeaten leaders **LLANFAIR UNITED** are now 19 points clear at the top of the table after their 4-1 home success against **WELSHPOOL.**

"It's a very good win as Welshpool are a decent side these days," said Llanfair boss Rhys Stephens. "Although we're 19 points clear at the moment, that would be down to 10 if Penrhyn (in second) win their three games in hand.

"But even so, if someone had said we'd be 10 points clear at this stage of the season, then I would have snapped their hand off."

Ross Frame headed the league leaders in front on 32 minutes from a pinpoint Andrew Hughes cross, but Pool were back on terms with a headed reply from a free kick soon after the interval.

However, Llanfair were not to be denied with a 20-yard strike from Rich Ainsley restoring their lead on the half hour before Frame notched his second after the ball had been headed down. Hughes sealed the win when converting a right wing cross.

FOUR CROSSES slumped to a 4-1 loss at Tywyn Bryncrug while two goals from Richie Evans saw Machynlleth earn a 2-2 draw at Bow Street who responded through Sion Hewitt and Dean Evans.

The weather hit several fixtures, with **LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE'S** trip to Aberaeron one of the casualties due to a waterlogged pitch.

Berriew's hopes of much needed points in their quest to climb clear of danger were frustrated after their home clash with Rhosgoch was also called off.

MONTGOMERY'S basement battle with lowly visitors Aberystwyth University also fell victim to the elements.

It proved a frustrating afternoon for both sides who were warming up when the match referee ruled that one of the goalmouths was just too waterlogged to allow play following recent heavy rain.

Three games were also off in division two, but **DYFFRYN BANW** did beat the weather to ease their basement concerns with a 3-2 victory at Newbridge.

Kerry consolidated third spot with their 3-0 success at Builth Wells while Churchstoke slipped up 4-1 at home to Bont.

Perfect 10 by the TNS ladies side

Sam Berry, who scored a hat-trick on first start for TNS Ladies side. *Picture: Jayne Cartwright.*

Berry hat-trick on debut

NEW signing Sam Berry led the way with a hat-trick as The New Saints Ladies roared to a 10-0 victory at Coventrians Ladies to maintain their challenge in the West Midlands Regional Premier League.

There were also two goals apiece from Emily Ridge and Laura Morris (2), with Jade Hill, Sarah Burke and Jen Smith also on target.

Afrer back-to-back derby victories against two Shropshire rivals, the Saints never looked back after Morris got the first before Berry opened her account after some good build-up play.

The Saints made it three after the half hour mark, when Ridge ran on to a through ball and Hill rounded the first half scoring.

After the break, Ridge soon netted again for the Saints, with Berry bagging another two goals to complete her hat-trick in her first start after joining from Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Morris then scored her second of the afternoon to extend the Saints' margin, taking her up to 13 goals for the season already.

A scrappy end to the game would unfold with the pitch cutting up after the recent weather, but substitutes Jen Smith and Sarah Burke got goals for themselves to complete a 10-0 win to keep the pressure on league leaders Birmingham & West Midlands Police.

Unstoppable

"The girls were outstanding today and the football was honestly unbelievable," said Saints manager Joe Thompson.

"We are flying at the minute and we can't wait for the next game to come. The belief in the camp at the minute makes us unstoppable."

The Saints' next West Midlands Regional League fixture is a trip to Crusaders Ladies on Sunday.

PLACINGS

J.C. Dyke - Oswestry & District Table Tennis League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Caereinion A	10	9	1	0	70	30	59
Morda Exiles	9	5	2	2	56	34	47
Morda	9	5	2	2	55	35	45
Morda Tigers	8	4	0	4	43	37	35
W'stay Llansilin	10	1	1	8	31	69	29
Criftins A	8	0	0	8	15	65	15

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Caereinion B	8	8	0	0	55	25	48
Criftins B	7	5	0	2	42	28	38
Llansilin	7	2	1	4	31	39	31
Ex Servicemens	8	0	1	7	28	52	28
Kinnerley	6	2	0	4	24	36	24

North Shropshire Indoor Cricket League

Cound 88-5 J Case 28, K Hamer 27 no, Woore 89-1 (J Woodfield 26 no, T Hussain 26 no). Woore Won by 5 Wickets; Cound 122-4 (T Boyd 30 no, J Case 28, C Kinsey 24), Frankton 113 (J Parry 35). Cound won by 9 runs; Grasshoppers 107 (J Yapp 40, P Elton 39 no, E Parton 2-21), Market Drayton 79 (E Parton 35, J Yapp 3-19). Grasshoppers won by 28 runs; Whitchurch 107 (S Dimelow 52 no, D Abey 2-14, R Coggins 2-23), Market Drayton 75, D Abey 21, H Chandler 2-17). Whitchurch won by 32 runs; Shelton 124 (M Chambers 59, M Davies 42), Cound 126-1 (J Harrap 27 no, J Case 25 no, C Kinsey 23). Cound won by 5 wickets; Cound 117-4 (J Case 67 no, J Harrap 24, P Darlington 2-27), Wem 95 (S Gray 53, C Kinsey 2-22). Cound won by 22 runs; Shelton 76-4 (M Chambers 34 no, M Davies 22, P Elton 4-19), Grasshoppers 79-0 (G Trow 28 no, P Elton 25 no). Grasshoppers won by 6 wickets; Frankton 111-4 (J Parry 49 no, S Gray 23, M Davies 3-24), Shelton 66-5 (M Chambers 23 no, S Lammie 2-13). Frankton won by 45 runs.

	P	W	L	Pts
Grasshoppers	4	4	0	20
Whitchurch	3	3	0	15
Woore	4	3	1	15
Cound	6	3	3	15
Wem	3	2	1	10
Market Drayton	3	1	2	5
Frankton	6	1	5	5
Shelton	5	0	5	0

Spar Mid Wales League

Division one: Bow Street 2, Machynlleth 2; Carno 3, Waterloo 3; Llanfair Utd 4, Welshpool 1; Tywyn Bryncrug 4, Four Crosses 1.

Division two: Builth Wells 0, Kerry 3; Churchstoke 1, Bont 4; Newbridge-on-Wye 2, Dyffryn Banw 3.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Llanfair Utd	19	17	2	0	82	27	53
Penrhyncoch	16	10	4	2	38	17	34
Carno	20	10	4	6	51	34	34
Rhosgoch	17	9	5	3	38	32	32
Llanrhaeadr	15	9	2	4	44	28	29
Waterloo	20	8	5	7	51	42	29
Welshpool	20	7	7	6	41	45	28
Llansantffraid	20	8	4	8	35	41	28
Bow Street	19	5	7	38	41	26	
Aberaeron	19	7	3	9	41	45	24
Four Crosses	20	6	4	10	37	44	22
Machynlleth	19	6	3	10	34	53	21
Tywyn/Bryncrug	19	6	3	10	39	55	21
Berriew	21	5	5	11	33	50	20
Montgomery	19	4	4	11	34	37	16
Aber Uni	17	1	0	16	19	64	3

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hay St Marys	16	14	0	2	70	33	42
Knighton	15	13	1	1	71	13	40
Kerry	15	12	0	3	43	22	36
Builth Wells	18	9	3	6	47	30	30
Abermule	15	9	0	6	56	34	27
Churchstoke	18	8	1	9	48	60	25
Borth Utd	15	8	0	7	36	35	24
Bont	17	7	1	9	40	43	22
Dyffryn Banw	15	5	2	8	31	38	17
N'bridge-on-W	18	5	0	13	31	58	15
Presteigne	14	4	2	8	35	55	14
Penybont	16	3	0	13	34	61	9
Talgarth	18	3	0	15	24	84	9

Mercian Regional Football League

Premier Division; Telford Juniors 2, Allscott 2; Whitchurch Alport 2, Prees 1; Childs Ercall 2, Ketley Bank United 4.

Division one: Donnington CS & S 3, AFC Wellington 8.

Division two: Gobowen Celtic 1, Highley Miners Welfare 3; Shifnal Harriers 1, Stoke Heath 5.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Telford Jnrs	15	12	3	0	45	13	39
Whitchurch Alp	16	10	2	4	39	24	32
FC Oswestry T	16	9	2	5	41	22	29
FC Hodnet	16	8	5	3	39	25	29
Childs Ercall	17	7	4	6	45	32	25
AFC B'north R	16	8	1	7	31	41	25
Allscott	16	6	6	4	37	26	24
W'ton Ams Res	13	6	3	4	26	20	21
Church Stretton	19	6	3	10	34	29	21
Shifnal Utd 97	17	5	6	6	32	28	21
Wroxeter Rov	14	6	1	7	40	29	19
Ketley Bank Utd	14	6	1	7	33	38	19
Prees	19	4	4	11	30	42	16
Madeley Sports	17	3	3	11	26	56	12
Weston Rhyn	11	0	0	11	4	77	0

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Broseley	15	13	0	2	59	13	39
D'ton Comm SS	14	9	2	3	54	36	29
Wrock Wood	11	9	1	1	42	14	28
Rock Rovers	15	8	1	6	51	37	25
Bishops Castle	16	7	1	8	33	38	22
Clee Hill Utd	13	6	2	5	33	25	20
Brown Clee	13	5	2	6	23	39	17
AFC Wellington	15	5	1	9	38	47	16
Wrock Wd Jnrs	16	3	5	8	27	47	14
Claverley	14	3	1	10	30	54	10
Oakengates Rngrs	16	2	2	12	17	57	8

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Highley MW	17	15	0	2	109	14	45
Stoke Heath	16	13	1	2	81	27	40
Gobowen Celtic	16	11	1	4	95	25	34
Spalaig Brit	15	8	2	5	52	36	26
Belvidere	15	8	1	6	54	40	25
Shifnal Harriers	16	6	5	5	55	45	23
St Martins Vill	16	5	2	9	52	56	17
Riverside	15	4	4	7	40	45	16
Albrighton Jnrs FC	15	4	3	8	47	42	15
AFC Broseley R	14	3	5	6	29	25	14
Whitchurch A R	15	2	4	9	30	53	10
Denso	16	0	0	16	10	246	0

Morda fine run checked by a turn in the weather

MORDA United's impressive run of recent results in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division two was halted – not by their opponents, but by the weather.

United were due to play away at Welshpool Town reserves but a pitch inspection the day before the game saw the Maesydre Recreation Ground surface declared unfit.

Morda, who have gradually worked their way towards the top of the division two table after their enforced inactivity, remain unbeaten in the league.

Manager Colin Turner is keen to praise the the spirit in his squad, something he feels is a key factor behind the progress of his side.

Morda hope to return to action on Saturday, but league secretary Bernie Jones will be keeping an eye on the weather and using his knowledge of local pitches before confirming next Saturday's fixtures.

■ Waterloo Rovers reserves showed their mettle in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one with a 3-0 home success over Llanfair United reserves

Mark Proctor, Andy Gwilt and Chris Hodges were all on target to help Rovers close the gap to four points on leaders Caersws reserves with four games in hand.

With only five games surviving the weather in the league, Guilsfield reserves also claimed three points with a 4-3 home victory against Abermule reserves.

Two goals from Phil Turnbull, and one apiece from Luke Francis and Steve Benyon, proved just enough to see off the Mule.

Results

Honda Division One: Guilsfield Res 4 Abermule Res 3, Llanrhaeadr Res 4 Llangedwyn 1, Meifod 2 Trefonen 1, Waterloo Res 3 Llanfair Res 0

Mitsubishi Division Two: Maesyrhandir 2 Waterloo Colts 0

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Llandudno	21	17	2	2	73	18	53
Guilsfield	20	14	3	3	47	23	45
Caernarfon T	21	13	4	4	62	22	43
Porthmadog	23	11	4	8	42	26	37
H Hotspur	21	10	5	6	31	27	35
Flint Town Utd	23	11	2	10	31	40	35
Buckley Town	20	10	4	6	41	29	34
Denbigh Town	20	10	4	6	36	34	34
Caersws	20	9	5	6	32	17	32
Conwy Boro	23	9	4	10	43	30	31
Mold Alex	22	9	3	10	45	39	30
Rhayader T	22	7	5	10	35	34	26
Llanidloes T	23	7	1	15	42	63	22
Penycae	21	5	4	12	39	52	19
L'dod Wells	19	1	2	16	14	73	5
Rhydymwyn	21	1	0	20	16	98	0

GOLF RETURNS

HENLLE PARK

Yellow Ball Competion: K Lloyd-Jones, J Roberts & C Roberts; M Taylor G Taylor & D Kellett; S Baran A Harris & R Jones.

Ladies' Stableford (overF URNS 15 holes): D Nicol 32pts; M Shelton 25pts; B Aubrey 24pts.

Seniors' Bowmaker: M Matthews, C Vernall & A Davies 79pts; A Wright, J Richards & E Littlehales 78pts; T Telford, E Smith & B Ferris 77pts.

OSWESTRY

Sunday Morning Draw For Partners – Four Ball Better Ball Medal (15 Holes): F Mottram & A Allen 52; M Knapper & I Pearce 54 (c/b); G Huggett & P Turner 54 (c/b); S Probert & M Jones 54 (c/b); S Probert & J Harris 54.

Ladies' Draw for Partners: AM-AM Stableford, 13 holes: S Watanabe, A Davies, D Hall, M Green, 71 points; M Male, M Dunbar, K Jones, H Whiting, 67 points. Seven holes: J Williams, M Nixon, G Woolham, 34 points; M Alford, E Moss, MM Evans (h/p) 30 points:

THE BROW

Winter League Round 8: P Shore 25pts; G Gregory 21pts; T Brough 20pts; K Abbott 19pts; T Williams 18pts (c/b); L Carter 18pts.

Winter League Round 9: G Gregory 31pts; B Thomas 26pts; B Stuttard 24pts (c/b); P Shore 24pts (c/b); T Williams 24pts; K Abbott 23pts.

Llanrhaeadr Wales Trophy hopes blown away

A WIND-ravaged encounter saw Llanrhaeadr bow out of the FA of Wales Trophy with a 3-1 home exit to a determined Glantraeth in the fifth round.

Choosing to play agains the elements in the first half in the heavy conditions, the villagers found themselves three goals down at the break as the Anglesey visitors dominated the game.

But Llanrhaedr bossed the second period in the gusting conditions, and pulled a goal back almost immediately after the restart when defender Gareth Owen headed into his own net.

They had chances to have got level, but it was not to be as their hopes of progressing to the last eight were dashed by the resolve of the visitors.

A sometimes ill tempered tie brought 12 bookings with Glan soon on the attack with the elements in their favour in the first half.

They took the lead on the quarter-hour mark as Neil Hughes fed a ball to Rory Courlander who beat a defender before drilling the ball beyond home keeper Conner Lee.

Clinical

A minute later a great pass from Gareth Owen put Craig Roberts clear but as the keeper advanced his shot was just too high.

There was no let up for the home defence with experienced striker Neil Hughes providing a clinical finish following a fine cross from Brendun Hogan Hughes to double the lead.

The visitors went further ahead on 27 minutes when Neil Hughes picked out Sean Davies who fired home from 10 yards out.

With the wind still in Glan's favour a corner swung in by Guto Hughes bounced out off the crossbar with six minutes to the break.

Just 39 seconds into the second half, Llanrhaeadr were back in the hunt when defender Owen headed into his own net as he stretched to meet a corner from the right.

Llanrhaeadr now looked more like the side that had embarked on such a fine run with Emyr Roberts heading narrowly wide on 55 minutes and 18 minutes later keeper Ben Heald was tested for the first time as he made a flying finger tip save from Barry Morris.

But their second half efforts were to no avail as Glan marched on to the quarter finals for the first time.

■ St Martins saw their big top of the table showdown at leaders Bromyard in the West Midlands League division one fall foul of the wet weather.

After consolidating second spot in the table the previous week following their 2-1 victory over one of their chief rivals Stone Old Alleynians 2-1 at Park Hall, the Saints were up for the challenge.

But the recent rain put paid to the game which was called off mid morning due to be waterlogged pitch. It will now be rearranged for another date later in the season.

On Saturday, Ryan Butcher's side are away to lowly Team Dudley, who lost 7-3 away to the Saints just a few weeks back. It is the first of three away games for the Saints.

Ladies hold firm for a top point at high-fliers

A STEELY display saw Oswestry Ladies put the brakes on Warrington's fine home form as they secured a goalless draw away to their rivals in the Cheshire Women's League division two.

Third in the table, Os made the trip on a cold day in good heart, but wary they would need to be at their best against a Warrington side who have won all their home games bar one.

Oswestry started the brighter, putting together periods of good passing play, and were creating lots of space and keeping play in the attacking third.

However, the home defence proved a tough nut to crack and worked hard to break down the visitors attack before they could have a shot on goal.

Warrington, lying two places below their visitors, were a skilful team, making use of fast paced play on the break to put pressure on their opponents, with the first half passing without either team being able to make a breakthrough.

The second half was a much more even affair, with both teams putting pressure on the opposition defence.

Both goalkeepers were on form, however, keeping out any shots on target, and neither team was able to find a finish from their short corners.

Oswestry worked hard as a team in both trying to find a breakthrough and in defence, but the goal proved elusive as the game finished in a 0-0 draw, a fair result for both sides.

The visitors can be pleased with their performance given Warrington's strong home record, but will hope to return to winning ways on Saturday when they play Crewe Vagrants II at home.

WELSHPOOL Ladies lifted themselves off the foot of the North Wales Division One table with a timely 4-1 win over Colwyn Bay, with victory sending Llanfair Caerenion to the basement.

Caroline Jones gave Pool the lead and she added a second just before the break after some fine work from Alex Cawthra.

Cerys Bills made it three to put Pool in full charge, and a fourth came when Sarah Thomas latched onto a corner with her strike being deflected into the goal by Sonja Evans.

Eagles in storming victory after a blustery away day

A MAKESHIFT Welshpool gave themselves a timely tonic after gaining their first win of the year in rugby's Swalec League division three (north) after securing an 18-10 success at blustery Benllech.

Despite travelling with just 15 players, the visitors dug deep in windswept conditions to return from Anglesey with the spoils to consolidate their mid-table position

In a game of uncontested scrums, Pool were always ahead and took the lead with a try from winger Matt Roberts before Tom Williams added a penalty.

RUGBY UNION by John Bridgwater

Benllech, lying three places below their Mid Wales visitors, hit back with an unconverted try, before Williams added a second penalty for a 11-5 interval lead.

The home side turned up the pressure in the first 20 minutes of the second half, but were met by some stiff defence before crossing for an unconverted try to close the gap to one point.

But Welshpool's superior fitness began to have an influence in the latter stages, and they were camped on their opponents' line with Nick Larder stopped just short.

Chance

However, they found a way through when flanker and captain Joe Stranks strode over the line for his side's second try, which was converted by Williams from under the posts. Benllech had a chance to gain a losing bonus point, but missed a late penalty.

Weather permitting, Pool were due to be in action last night at home to Rhos in the North Wales Intermediate Plate quarter-final, but have no scheduled league action until they host Bangor on Saturday, February 21.

COBRA eased their basement concerns in the Swalec Welsh League division one (north) with a well deserved 23-10 home success against Caernarfon after storming back in the second half.

The Meifod side were unfortunate to trail 10-3 at the interval, but turned it around in the second period to gain a precious win that lifted them 11 points above the basement places.

They were on top for much of the game, with the manner of victory putting them in good heart for Saturday's home clash with Nant Conwy as they look to edge themselves further up the table.

A penalty from fly half Llew Williams put the hosts head, but they were pegged back by a penalty at the other end before having several chances to regain the lead only to be held up close to the line.

And they were stunned when Caernaerfon went ahead just before half time when a good driving maul saw the ball spun out to their fly half to cross the line with the conversion added for a 10-3 lead.

Stung into action, the Llanfair Caereinion side came out for the second period with penalty of purpose and they reduced the arrears with a second penalty from Williams.

Their efforts were further rewarded with the first of their three tries, No8 Jack Jukes making the break through the middle before off loading to flanker Stef Lowther who was held up close to the line.

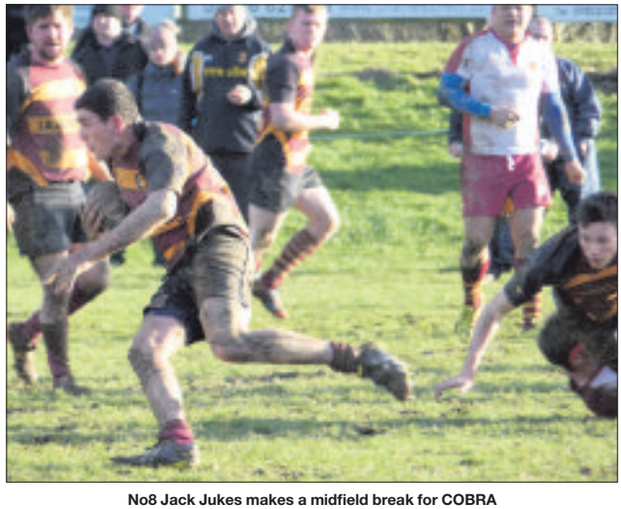
A penalty was conceded by the visitors, which was taken quickly by scrum half Alwyn Williams for captain Aled Davies to crash over to put the home side ahead.

Another try soon followed for COBRA with Alwyn Williams showing his strength to dart over from driving maul following a line-out.

But they had to wait until late on before making the points safe when Llew Williams intercepted a move from the visitors before touching down, and adding the conversion for a personal haul of 13 points.

Although unable to secure a bonus point, the Meifod side would have been happy with their efforts in the heavy conditions as they look to push towards safety in the coming weeks.

COBRA try scorer Alwyn Williams passes to prop Bryn Edwards in the 23-10 victory over Caernarfon. *Pictures: Trevor Jones.*



No8 Jack Jukes makes a midfield break for COBRA

Leaders edge a nervy top-of-table challenge

LEADERS Caereinion A came through a difficult test as they entertained second placed Morda Exiles in the J C Dyke Oswestry Table Tennis League.

For Caereinion, Wyn Willams won all three of his games but nearly came unstuck against and inspired performance from Brian Suckley.

The match needed all five sets to decide on the eventual winner but it was Williams' defensive blocking which prevailed against Suckley's accurate attacking shots from both wings.

Consolation

Williams also successfully combined with Clive Jones to take the doubles and maintain Caereinion's lead at the top of the first division. Meanwhile, lower down in the division, Wynnstay had a woeful evening as they lost heavily to Morda Tigers.

Jeremy Chavez and Steve Roberts led the way for the Tigers while Wynnstay's Harvey Kynaston managed a consolation point for the home side against Jason Hughes in the 9-1 scoreline.

In the other first division match Criftins, A got off to a good start in their match with Morda A, Greg Dyke taking straight sets win over Allen Roberts, and Dylan Evans beating Jim Reeves in a close five setter.

In the third match, Brian Rainford started the recovery for Morda with a straight sets win over Jonathan Dyke.

From then on things went the way of the Morda side with Brian Rainford completing his three wins although he was strongly challenged by Greg Dyke.

Jim Reeves and Allen Roberts each picked up two wins for Morda all in close matches, and Rainford and Roberts combined to take the final doubles 12-10, 12-10, 7-11, 11-6 to complete the win.

In the second division, the Ex Servicemen's Julian Walford continues his good form as he won his singles matches against Llansilin but it was not enough to prevent a 6-4 defeat at the hands of Llansilin who notched up their second win of the season.

Criftins B won their match against Kinnerley 8-2 and maintains the pressure on second division leaders Caereinion B.

Eagles game a washout

THE wet weather dashed Oswestry's hopes of halting their three match losing run since the turn of the year when their South Lancs and Cheshire Two rugby clash at lowly Marple was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The Eagles have not played for two weeks, and will be hoping to kick start their season at home to another of the strugglers, Prenton, on Saturday.

Their promotion hopes have faded of late as they now find themselves 24 points off the top two places following a disappointing run.

OSWESTRY II, who also had no action last weekend, return to duty in the Freshlet North West League division four (south) on Saturday with a visit to Macclesfield IV.

The club's third team did get some action, winning 27-7 against Ellesmere Port II in the Freshlet division five (south). They are now up to sixth position, one place below Port, and look to keep up the good work at Anselmians on Saturday.

Seven up as hockey men hit goal trail

THIRD placed Oswestry kept alive their promotion hopes in the West Midlands Hockey League division one with a thumping 7-1 victory at Evesham.

Despite travelling with a player short, the free scoring visitors proved too hot for their rivals as top scorer Jack Morgan again led the way with a hat-trick to take his season's league tally to 30.

Steve Kelshaw, Gareth Kelshaw, Sam Davies and Charles Evans also found the net in a resounding win, with the Os looking to maintain their pursuit of second spot when they visit Leamington on Saturday.

OSWESTRY II enjoyed success in their first action of 2015 when they won 4-3 at Aberystwyth University in the North Wales League.

After falling behind to the students, they hit back to lead 2-1 at the break through Tom Smith and Ben Smith.

LLAN READY FOR HUGE CUP GAME

AFTER weeks of waiting, player manager Marc Griffiths insists his Llanrhaeadr side will not be fazed when the biggest game in the club's history finally arrives on Saturday.

by John Bridgwater

It is the first time the villagers have progressed to the last 16 of the Welsh Cup, and standing in their way this weekend are Welsh Premier big guns Rhyl, four time winners of the prestigious trophy.

The odds may be stacked against the Spar Mid Wales League outfit, but the hosts are determined they won't just be making up the numbers in the eagerly anticipated fifth round tie that is sure to attract a bumper crowd.

Broadcasters from S4C were at the ground this week featuring the club, while highlights of the tie at the Recreation Field (kick off 1.30pm) will also be shown on TV.

Griffiths says his players will not be daunted by all the attention ahead of the game, and is glad that the big day has finally arrived.

"We've been talking about it for weeks, it's now almost here, and we can't wait," he said. "There are going to be some nerves, but it is a great day to look forward to.

Support

"It's the biggest game in the club's history as it's our first time in the last 16 of the Welsh Cup, and our first time in front of the TV cameras, so it's an exciting prospect.

"Rhyl are a quality team, but they won't like coming here, the small pitch won't suit them and hopefully there will be good support from local people.

"I've done as much homework as I can. I've watched them on TV, and talked to a couple of Welsh Premier managers about them.

"They are a good footballing team, like to play from the back, and our first aim is to make sure we defend well.

"We know we may have to ride our luck a bit, but we've got a couple of players who could provide a bit of magic on the day."

Griffiths, 30, has crossed paths with Rhyl boss Greg Strong in his Welsh Premier days with Cefn Druids and Bala Town, with the Seasiders' boss once trying to sign the versatile forward.

"I could have signed for him, but that's a few years ago now," he added.

"I know he'll have them well organised, and they won't be taking anything for granted.

"It's going to be fantastic day for the village, and you never know what can happen on the day."

It has been a tough few years for Llanrhaeadr who, following relegation from the Cymru Alliance, have found their feet again this season in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

Following run of good form, Llan are now fifth in the table, although they bowed out of the FA of Wales Trophy last week after suffering a windswept 3-1 exit at home to Glantraeth in the fifth round.

Griffiths is backing his side to bounce back from that loss as they embark on another adventure against the big guns from the North Wales coast.

"We had a couple of easy games before that, so it will give the lads a kick up the backsides," he said.

One Rhyl player who will need no introduction is former TNS goalkeeper and Oswestry cricketer Alex Ramsay who has a girlfriend in the village.

Llan will need to show the same kind of resolve that saw them reach the the last 16 with a fine 3-0 success at Afan Lido in the last round thanks to two early goals from top scorer Iwan Matthews.

The villagers are already guaranteed £2,500 in prize money for reaching the fourth round, which would increase to a minimum of £6,000 should they pull off an upset and reach the last eight.

Oswestry physio gets a job with North Mids

OSWESTRY Rugby Club's physiotherapist Lottie Beard has been called up to help the North Mids senior women's team.

Beard, who joined the Eagles at the start of the season, will take over as the team's new assistant physio, but her current role with the Granville Park club will be unaffected by her new post.

"This is absolutely fantastic news for the club and for Lottie," said Oswestry's first team manager Martin Ord.

The 21-year-old, who studied for three years at Staffordshire University for BSc (Hons) in Sports Therapy, graduated with 2:1 honours.

She has previously worked at the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital and has also worked with Market Drayton Football Club for a full season before being offered the job with the Eagles,

Beard now now works part time at Oswestry and full time as a community rehabilitation therapist as part of the NHS integrated community services team.

On the pitch, the Eagles suffered a blank weekend as their South Lancs and Cheshire Two clash at Marple was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Done deal for local lad Matt

OSWESTRY born Matt Done has been on the move in the transfer window, with the forward switching to Sheffield United from League One rivals Rochdale.

The 26-year-old striker, who attended Marches School in his home town, joined the Blades on a two-and-a-half-year deal for an undisclosed fee after netting 14 goals for Rochdale this season.

He played for Dale in 2010-11, then spent two years at Barnsley before returning to Spotland in 2013, helping his side win promotion to League One last term.

On arriving at Sheffield United, who are managed by Nigel Clough, Done said: "The aim is to develop further and I'd love to help to get the club back to the Championship, where they should be."

Ellesmere ace off to British Championships

So-sharp Luke wins silver on his debut

ELLESMERE COLLEGE fencer Luke Warren has qualified for the British Youth Championships after bagging silver on his competitive fencing debut.

The year seven pupil finished second in the West Midlands Fencing Youth Championships.

A pentathlete, he will take on Britain's top fencing specialists at Sheffield in May.

Fencers from under-10 to under-18 competed in the Midlands showdown, held last week at Packwood Hough School.

Warren, in the under-12 age-group, won six of his seven qualifiers.

He was ranked second out of 15 as he advanced to the knockout stages.

He continued to progress, with a comfortable victory in his semi-final.

But he missed out on glory in the final.

Warren's dad, Nathan, said: "The final was a step too far but Luke brought home the silver medal.

"However, very positively for Luke and Ellesmere, he will now represent the West Midlands at the British Youth Championships.

"I believe he will be the only pentathlete competing, with all the other team members being fencers."

Last year, Warren won the Under-11 West Midlands Schools Biathlon Championships.

He was crowned champion in his two events, swimming and running.

He battled through difficult weather conditions, with high winds and horizontal rain in the 800m, but still managed to finish only 14 seconds off his personal best time in the race.

Ellesmere College fencing hot prospect Luke Warren with his silver medal

Finley in loan deal switch to Wrexham

MIDFIELDSAM Finley, the tenacious midfielder with The New Saints, has signed for Vanarama Conference side Wrexham on loan until the end of the season.

The former Warrington midfielder joined The Red Dragons at the 11th hour and will now spend the remainder of the 2014/2015 season with Kevin Wilkin's side.

Liverpool born Finley, 22, was the Welsh Premier League Young player of the year last season, but injury problems have restricted the midfielder to only eight Welsh Premier League appearances during the current campaign.

■ Holders The New Saints continue the defence of the Welsh Cup when they tackle lower league opposition Gresford Athletic in the fourth round at Park Hall on Sunday (12.30pm).

Unbeaten on home surrounds for well over two years, few anticipate the Welsh Premier high fliers to slip up against a team who play two levels below in the Welsh National League.

But boss Craig Harrison admits his players won't be resting on their laurels as they bid to stay on course for a famous treble.

"You've just got to look at the FA Cup, what odds would you have got on Bradford coming back from 2-0 down to beat Chelsea 4-2," said Harrison.

■ There was heartache for TNS under-19s who bowed out of the Welsh Youth Cup with a 5-3 penalty shootout defeat against Cardiff City in the quarter-final.

n One of the big derbies in Mid Wales takes centre stage on Sunday when Caersws host Newtown in a televised fourth round of the Welsh Cup (12.45pm).

Welsh Cup fourth round fixtures (2.30 unless stated): Saturday: Cardiff Met University v Airbus UK, Gap Connah's Quay v Bala Town, Caerau Ely v Carmarthen Town (1.30), Llanrhaeadr v Rhyl (1.30), Bangor City v Conwy Borough, Holywell Town v Aberystwyth Town. **Sunday:** Caersws v Newtown (12.45), TNS v Gresford (12.30)

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